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The Second Day's Work of Congress.

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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Nearly an hour was spent at the opening of the House to-day, in a scramble by the members of several of the Committees to secure the reference to their respective bodies, of the several portions of the President's Message referring to legislation, particularly those parts wherein important recommendations are made. The usual resolution of reference was finally passed, referring each separate subject in detail, a proceeding which has not been observed for the last three years, there having been no such anxiety to take jurisdiction of the late President's suggestions. The chief subject of contention was whether that portion referring to the Darien Ship Canal should go to the Committee on Commerce or to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. It was decided in favor of the former. The recommendations of the President are so important that this anxiety to deal with them is easily explained, and the desire to deal with them is strongly indicative of the weight which members of Congress attach to the views of the President.

THE BILLS IN THE HOUSE.

During the morning hour in the House a large number of bills were introduced and took the customary reference. The most important among them were a bill from General BUTLER for the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office act; a bill from Mr. DAWES to reorganize the Treasury Department in accordance with the basis laid down in the recent report of Second Comptroller BROOKS; a Committee to Secretary BOUTWELL; and a bill for the amendment of the Naturalization laws, from Mr. PIERSELNBURG.

THE SEAT DRAWING.

The House took its usual turn on the seat drawing question, Mr. KELLEY, who sits in the perimeter of the circle, opening the ball; but for almost the first time in such experience, the proposition was defeated by the unexpected vote of 122 to 64. So this nuisance is probably abated for this session, unless the new members yet to come in from the Southern States are able to upset the present determination of the House.

THE HOM PATENT.

The only Committee which responded to the call for reports to-day was the Committee on Patents. Mr. JENCKES reported a bill extending the patent of R. M. HOE & Co., for printing presses, which elicited considerable discussion, and notwithstanding the efforts of Messrs. JENCKES and PETERS, of the Committee, the House laid the bill on the table without a division. There did not seem to be so much aversion to the thing itself, as disinclination to allow the matter to pass without further investigation. It was too early in the session for such legislation.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.

In the Committee on Elections the Georgia cases were set down for argument on Thursday, but the members elect have requested a further postponement. The Virginia cases will not be considered until there is affirmative action in both Houses on the joint resolution declaring the State entitled to admission, which was referred to the Reconstruction Committee yesterday. Then VAN WYCK's case will come up for argument in Committee on Friday. The Alabama members objected to yesterday, Messrs. SHERRARD, DOX, HAYES and HERLIN, were reported back favorably to-day, and they were sworn.

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

The Ways and Means Committee to-day reached the subject of pig iron, and voted first to reduce the duty to $6, which was lost, then to $8, which was also lost. It was finally fixed at $7, a reduction of $3 from the present rates. The duty on scrap iron was also reduced from $8 to $6. Mr. KELLEY introduced a new iron schedule, the ostensible effect of which was to keep duties as they are, but by rearranging the classification, its real effect, however, was to largely increase the duties. A motion to admit Mr. Commissioner WELLS to their sittings was objected to by Mr. MAYNARD and other high protectionists on the Committee. The latter threaten to oppose the printing of the Commissioner's report, assuming in advance that it will damage their position.

THE CIRCUIT JUDGE NOMINATIONS.

It is understood that the Circuit Judge nominations will be sent to the Senate to-morrow. The contest in the New-York circuit is substantially over. Judge WOODRUFF is beaten, notwithstanding the able advocacy of Hon. HORACE GREELEY, who came here for that express purpose. The choice lies between Judge BENEDICT and Judge HALE, with the chances in favor of the latter, who has combined the support of a majority of the members of Congress from the three States comprising their circuit, and who is also supported by Secretary BOUTWELL, and is not objectionable to the Attorney-General. In the Pennsylvania Circuit Hon. WILLIAM MCKENNAN, of Washington County, Penn., is said to be the successful man. In the Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, California, Louisiana, and New-England Circuits the nominations will probably be as heretofore mentioned in these dispatches, viz., in the order of circuits as named: BALLARD, DRUMMOND, DILLON, HOFFMAN, DURANT, and SHEPLEY.

THE DEATH OF MR. FESSENDEN.

Mr. FESSENDEN's death will be formally announced in the Senate on Tuesday of next week. Several Senators have been invited to deliver eulogies by the friends of Mr. FESSENDEN, and there will undoubtedly be an unusual expression of regret and sorrow at the loss of a man who was so prominent in the Senate and in the country.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

The bill which Mr. TRUMBULL introduced in the Senate to-day, making it a misdemeanor in a Senator or Representative to recommend a man for office unless when specially asked to do so by the President or the head of a Department, should, and doubtless will receive some thought and consideration. He supported his measure in a short, terse speech, which unmercifully exposed all the evils of the office-seeking system, and, in no gentle terms, alluded to its demoralizing and degrading effects on members themselves. Mr. GARRETT DAVIS had his little say on the subject, not from any particular desire to indorse Mr. TRUMBULL, or from very elevated motives, but because he thought he saw a good opportunity to make a point for his party. The fate of the bill in the Senate is very doubtful. Members object to this kind of work for their constituents, but they will hardly hesitate to do it until at least some easier method of paying back political favors is invented or discovered.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION MONEY.

The demand for information concerning the disposition of the money appropriated for the Paris Exposition assumes a ridiculous shape, when it is known that a report in detail from Mr. J. C. DERBY, General Agent, was made to Congress last Winter, showing vouchers for every cent expended, and that of the total appropriation of $80,000, there remained an unexpended balance of $12,000.

CUSTOM HOUSE FRAUDS.

Judge FESSENDEN, United States District-Attorney for New-York, arrived here this morning, and during the day had interviews with the President, Secretary BOUTWELL and Solicitor BANFIELD. His business related to the drawback frauds, the Spanish gunboats, and other matters, and he will return to New-York to-morrow. It is believed that the capture of BLATCHFORD, CALDWELL and WELLWOOD will open up an additional chapter of Custom House frauds and rascality.

THE REMOVAL OF THE CAPITOL.

The desks of members and reporters were to-day covered with verbose and dreary pamphlets on the Capital removal question. BEAVIS, the man who is chief mover in the matter, complains that the people who promised him $2,000 have not backed him up, while he has spent nearly that amount in printing pamphlets on the subject.

THE TREASURY CLERKS.

The Secretary of the Treasury ordered to-day that the clerks in his Department be paid in full for December on the 23d inst., so that they might be prepared for the holidays.

FREEDOM OF TRANSIT.

Senator CARPENTER introduced a bill to-day to secure and protect the freedom of transit within the United States. It provides, among other things, that no citizen of the United States in passing from one place to another within the same, shall, except as hereinafter provided, be subject to capias, summons, citation or other process of whatever nature in a civil action, suit or cause, whether process or execution, in any State, territory or district through which he may be passing and of which he is not a citizen, unless he shall voluntarily tarry there for the space of more than twenty-four hours. This bill is quite evidently intended to put a check upon the propensity of Baltimore to fasten upon any stray Congressman passing through that city, as in the case of General BUTLER.

THE CASE OF CUBA.

The Cuban sympathizers have by no means relinquished all hope of obtaining substantial assistance from Congress, and are still agitating the subject. They say that there are several "loopholes," as they call them, in the Message, and it is their intention to make a vigorous push very early in the session. The ways and means by which they hope to work on Congress, are very curious and amusing. Pennsylvania-avenue will be decorated with an immense Cuban flag in a few days, stretched across the street something after the manner of campaign banners, and it is announced that the horse cars and hotels will be similarly decorated.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.

None of the Senate Committees have met up to this, and consequently there has been no preliminary or other consideration of that measures which have been introduced in the body. The rearrangement of these bodies which will be made to-morrow in accordance with the determination of the caucus to-day, will set them all to work during the week. The desire to hurry up work appears to be general, and the disposition to lose no time unnecessarily, even in the early hours of the session, is universal.

APPEARANCE OF THE CITY.

The city is well filled with strangers to-night, and the hotels and streets present the usual session aspect of life and activity. The hotels are rapidly filling up, and business has received a new impetus during the last week. The certainty that much business beyond mere organization and preparation for legislation will not be transacted until after the holidays has the effect of keeping thousands away; so that, until after the beginning of the new year, we shall not have a very sensible increase of the population.

PERSONAL.

PAUL GERARD, the brother-in-law of the Portuguese Minister to this Government, was married to-night to Miss MARIE B. WORMLEY, an intelligent octoroon girl, the niece of the colored restaurateur, of this city, of that name. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father WHITE, of the St. Matthews Roman Catholic Church, in his parsonage, in the presence of an assembly of about fifty persons, nearly all of whom were colored. Among the whites prominent were Colonel DON PIATT, of the Cincinnati *Commercial*; T. B. CONNERY, of the New-York *Herald*; H. J. RAMSDELL, of the New-York *Tribune*; E.P. BROOKS, of the Philadelphia *Press*, and several prominent citizens of Washington. After the ceremonies, which were duly formal, the party proceeded to the bride's residence and partook of refreshments. Colonel DON PIATT, in behalf of the bridegroom, responded to the toast to the bride's health in a happy speech, and the assemblage broke up at an early hour this morning. BROOKS and RAMSDELL were witnesses to the marriage contract, having been invited as special friends of the bride.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Senate adjourned to-day soon after 1 o'clock, when the Republican members went into caucus or private conference for the purpose of making nominations to fill vacancies in several of the Committees. Mr. MONRILL, of Maine, was agreed upon as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and also as a member of the Library Committee; in both cases *vice* FESSENDEN, deceased; General SCHURZ was agreed upon to supply the vacancy on the Committee on Foreign Relations, *vice* FESSENDEN. Mr. ANTHONY was nominated as Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, in place of Mr. GRIMES, resigned. The former standing first on the list, but Mr. ANTHONY declined, being Chairman of the Committee on Printing. Mr. CRAGIN, who was next in order of the members, was then agreed upon. Mr. ANTHONY, however, remains a member of the Naval Committee. The Senators above named to fill vacancies will be nominated in open Senate for formal appointment. The caucus agreed to propose POOLE, of North Carolina, on the Committee of Appropriations, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. GRIMES; Mr. FERRY to be Chairman of the Committee to audit contingent expenses, in place of Mr. CRAGIN; Mr. OSBORN to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Naval Affairs caused by the promotion of Mr. CRAGIN. Mr. ANTHONY, who has acted as the Chairman of the Senate Caucus for the last seven years, to-day proposed to resign that position, but his fellow members would not consent that he should do so.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 7.

The following bills were introduced and laid on the table preparatory to their reference to appropriate committees:

CIVIL RIGHTS.

By Mr. SUMNER—A bill to amend the act of April 9, 1866, to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights, and to furnish the means of their vindication.

"It provides [illegible] and act shall be so construed as to extend to all [illegible] within the jurisdiction of any State the [illegible] protection of its laws, and make all persons [illegible] competent to testify in the courts of the several States as fully as if they were white persons. It also confers on the United States Courts jurisdiction of criminal cases in which the rights of persons are involved who belong to the class of persons denied the same rights declared in the first section of said act.

THE ARMY.

Also, a bill to reorganize the medical, pay and engineer corps of the United States Navy, and to regulate and fix their absolute rank, uniform, &c.

FREEDOM OF TRANSIT.

By Mr. CARPENTER—A bill to secure and protect the freedom of transit within the United States.

"Proposition that no citizen of the United States, in passing from one place to another within the same, shall be subject to any civil process whatever, in any State, Territory or district, unless he voluntarily tarry there for more than twenty-four hours, and shall be subject to attachment for debt while in transit; and all plaintiffs or attorneys instituting such suits shall be liable to action for damages in the United States Court. Provided, That this shall not abridge the right of capias, summons, citation or other process in rem and vendue; and further, that action may be instituted on the suit of a party domiciled in the United States, upon the ground that he has a good cause of action, and that the party has left his place of domicile and is in transit through the United States with the intention of departing from the same. Section 2 gives to the United States District Courts jurisdiction of acts contrary to the provisions thereof.

INTERNAL REVENUE REMITTION.

By Mr. CONNESS—A bill to amend existing laws relating to internal revenue.

It adds canned and preserved fish to the articles now exempt by law from internal revenue tax.

THE WASHINGTON EXPOSITION.

By Mr. PATTERSON—A bill to promote and encourage a National Industrial Exposition to be held at the City of Washington in the year 1871.

A PROTEST FROM VIRGINIA.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial from the Republican Convention of Virginia, held on Nov. 24 and 25, reviewing the election in that State, and arguing against the admission of the Senators and Representatives elect.

THE HOMESTEAD LAWS.

By Mr. THAYER—A bill amending the Homestead laws so as to require the planting of trees on homestead settlements.

ADMISSION OF VIRGINIA.

By Mr. MORTON—A joint resolution declaring the State of Virginia restored to her normal relations to the Union and Government of the United States, and entitled to representation in Congress.

RETURN TO SPECIE PAYMENTS.

Mr. SUMNER introduced the following bill to amend the Banking act and to promote the return to specie payments:

Be it enacted, &c., That so much of the Banking act as limits the issue of bills to $300,000,000, is hereby repealed; and existing banks may be enlarged and new banks may be organized in accordance with the discretion of the Treasury. But no more bills than are now authorized by the Banking act shall hereafter be issued, unless the Secretary of the Treasury, at the time of their issue, shall be satisfied that the interest of the amount of legal tenders, and the interest of bank bills hereby authorized shall not exceed $60,000,000 per year, which amount shall be so distributed by the Secretary of the Treasury as to conform to the possible the banking interests of the different States.

Mr. SUMNER indicated the following reasons in favor of the bill:

First—It will create a demand for our national bonds, and to this extent fortify the national credit.

Second—It will tend to satisfy those parts of the country, especially at the South and West, where currency and banks are wanting, and thus arrest a difficult question.

Third—It will not expand or contract the currency, so that the opposite parties on these questions may agree.

Fourth—Under it the banks will gradually strengthen themselves and prepare to resume specie payments.

Fifth—It will give the South and West the opportunity to organize banks, and will interest those parts of the country to this extent in the national securities and the national banking system, by which both will be strengthened.

Sixth—It will, within a reasonable time, relieve the country of the whole greenback system, and thus dispose of an important question.

Seventh—It will hasten the return to specie payments.

The bill was laid on the table for the present.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Mr. TRUMBULL introduced a bill to relieve members of Congress from importunity, and to preserve the independence of the different departments of the Government.

It provides that any member of Congress or delegate from a Territory who shall directly or indirectly recommend any appointment to office by the President, or heads of departments, of any person in any of the executive departments, unless upon the recommendation be in writing in response to a written request of the head of the department asking information, or for the purpose of giving his advice to the Government in the manner provided by the Constitution, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding $1,000 for each offence; and it shall not be lawful for the President or head of any department to appoint to office or employ in his department any person who shall be directly or indirectly recommended by any member of Congress or delegate from a Territory, except in the manner now provided.

Mr. TRUMBULL explained the provisions of the bill. That some reform was needed, was generally conceded. A Civil Service bill had been proposed, which made the appointment to office depend on the fitness of the applicant, to be determined by a board of examiners, but the difficulty was to organize a board, which should itself be beyond partisan control. The powers of the Government were divided up into three departments. Ours was emphatically a government of checks and balances, upon the proper maintenance of which the perpetuation of our republican system depended. In some of the States, not only were the Governments divided into the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches, but positive prohibitions were laid down in the Constitutions of those States against the exercise of the powers properly belonging to one by either of the others. While the United States Constitution vested the Legislative power in a Congress, the Executive power in a President, and the Judicial power in the Courts, it did not so absolutely inhibit the exercise of any part of the powers of one by another, as was done by some of the Constitutions in regard to State affairs. The appointment to office, properly an Executive function under the Federal Constitution, was not given exclusively to the Executive Department. Indeed, neither the President, nor any head of a department, could appoint an officer in any case, without the consent of Congress or the advice and consent of the Senate, the Constitution requiring the President to nominate, and by and with the consent of the Senate to appoint all officers of the United States, except the President, Vice-President, Senators, Representatives and the officers of the Houses of Congress. During a recess of the Senate, the President may appoint to fill a vacancy. All other powers exercised by the President and heads of departments were conferred by acts of Congress. Practically, appointments had not for some years been made within the constitutional mode. Nominally, appointments were made, but in reality they were dictated and controlled in a vast majority of cases by an influence unknown to the Constitution and laws. Every Senator and Representative knew that appointments were dictated by them, and that the President and heads of departments were not left free to make selections with an eye single to the public good. As a general rule, no man could be appointed to any Federal office, local to the district, unless he was a resident, and recommended by the members of Congress from the district, for the time being in Congress, if he be a friend of the administration. So arbitrary was this rule, said the speaker, that he knew of instances of faithful public officers, friends of the administration, being removed to make a place for a friend of the Representative from the district, and at a subsequent period during the same administration, the new appointee had been removed to give the place either to the former incumbent or some other friend of a new representative, who had in the interim arrived, and succeeded in supplanting the former one. When the nomination came before the Senate, the action upon it was a mere form, and in many cases no other question was asked than whether the nominee was acceptable to the member of Congress concerned. Many instances, indicating cases were brought to bear to secure the election of members of Congress, with the understanding that in case of success the candidate would use his influence in favor of a certain party. This practice has even led to the creation of offices to provide places for friends of members. There now could be members of legislative departments of the Government expect to preserve their independence as legislators, when continually asking personal favors in the matter of appointments from heads of departments? This pressure by Congressmen for official favors was not been documenting to the appointing power than to themselves. The President, and heads of departments, being dependent upon Congress for legislative support, could not afford to disregard the wishes of members. In some of the departments, the speaker had been informed, a debit and credit account was actually kept with Congressmen, crediting them with a certain number of appointments, and charging them with those made for them, as if the appointments actually belonged to members of Congress. The bill now introduced allowed the appointing power to obtain the benefit of the information which Congressmen might have of applicants for office from their own districts, by a written request to the member, and his reply thereto. But the bill made it a penal offence for him to recommend in any other way, and prohibited the appointment to office of a person recommended in any other way than by a Congressman. The custom of allowing Congressmen to make appointments had become so firmly established that it almost had the force of law, and nothing but a positive statute could remedy the evil. The beneficial effects of the reform would be felt in relieving members from unnecessary importunity, giving them time to attend to the legislative duties with which they were charged, and freeing them from personal obligation to the President and heads of departments, while assisting the appointment in the future of a better class of officials.

Mr. DAVIS expressed the opinion that no subject so urgently needed prompt consideration as the one now presented. He instanced several cases in which efforts had been made to oust competent officials in the State of Kentucky engaged in the revenue service. One of these incumbents, for instance, was a man who would be cheerfully accepted, by those who knew him, for any position in private or public life—one who had fought gallantly in the Union ranks in the late war, and who also voted for and had been appointed by the present occupant of the Presidency—yet the Commissioner of Internal Revenue had made most persevering efforts to turn this gentleman out of office. So far did he succeed at one time that he named for the office a man who could not be trusted by any who knew him, either in public or private life. In this instance the purpose of the appointing power seemed to be the elevation of a necessitous political adventurer, and the prostitution of the office to base purposes, for the Commissioner of Internal Revenue appeared to be actuated by no other motive in his efforts to supplant a worthy officer by a disgraceful appointment.

Mr. SUMNER added to what district the official referred to belonged.

Mr. DAVIS replied to the Lexington District. He added that many soldiers distinguished for gallantry in the late war, and placed in office by the present Executive, had been displaced by the man who filled the post of Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The unprincipled manner in which appointments had been made in Kentucky, the unfitness and want of integrity of the appointees there, had been disgraceful to the appointing power, and a shame and reproach upon the Government. He desired that the bill be made sufficiently comprehensive and complete.

Mr. YATES believed that a provision of the character of that proposed would be a public benefit. The Representatives in Congress, he thought, ought to be allowed to make recommendations to office; but in the case of Senators it was different; there they were required to decide upon confirmations to office, and stood in the capacity of judges, they should not be called upon, as now, to sign indiscriminately all that were presented to them. The bill was then laid on the table for the present, and ordered to be printed.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

On motion of Mr. MCCREERY, the bill to relieve certain persons from legal and political disabilities imposed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution was read and laid over.

The Senate then, at 1:10, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Immediately after the reading of the journal, on motion of Mr. SCHENCK, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, Mr. FERRY in the chair, for the purpose of distributing the President's Message among the several Committees. The usual resolutions making such distribution were then offered by Mr. SCHENCK.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The resolutions having been read, Mr. SCHENCK said that if any member desired to discuss them, he would yield the floor for that purpose, but he would prefer to have all the resolutions reported to the House and agreed to without any general debate at this time.

Mr. COX inquired whether in those rules the Committee of Ways and Means was to take charge of the matter connected with the resumption of specie payment referred to in the Message, or whether the Committee on Banking and Currency was to take charge of it.

Mr. SCHENCK replied that there was no special reference made to that subject in the resolutions; it seemed to occupy a sort of debatable ground between the two Committees. Legislation in relation to the public credit, to the public debt, to the securities, might, or might not, involve along with it, and probably would, some reference to the means by which specie payment might be approached. In the same way, legislation in reference to the currency might also look in some degree to the same thing. He had supposed that without entering on debatable ground of that kind, it would be better to leave the two Committees to endeavor by communication with each other to dispose of that subject with some degree of unanimity of action between themselves. It might be that this House might think proper to raise another Committee on the subject; but he hoped that would not be considered necessary. The subject connected itself with the expenditure, the business and the duties of both Committees.

Mr. WOOD desired to have read the resolution referring to the Inter-oceanic Canal.

The resolution was read as follows:

Resolved, That so much of said Message and documents as relate to commerce and navigation, to an Inter-oceanic Canal, to the regulation of passenger vessels and to the protection of passengers, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. WOOD suggested that the subject of inter-oceanic canals should be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as it involved questions of a treaty.

Mr. SCHENCK said that, in preparing that resolution, it was a subject of some thought as to what committee that particular question should go. As the matter of a canal across the Isthmus of Darien was purely a matter of great commercial interest, it had been thought better to refer it to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. LYNCH suggested that that part of the President's Message referring to navigation interests belonged properly to the Select Committee on that subject.

Mr. SCHENCK said he had two reasons for preferring its reference to the Committee on Commerce. First, because that was a standing committee, and preference was usually and properly given to such committees; second, because he understood the Select Committee to have been created for the purpose of looking into the causes of the decline of shipbuilding and navigation.

Mr. WOOD inquired whether the House could begin to consider the question of the Inter-oceanic Canal until there was a treaty made, and whether the Committee on Foreign Affairs was not the proper Committee for the consideration of a question of that character.

Mr. SUMNER supposed that Congress might consider the subject before any additional treaty stipulations were entered into than those now existing. There was no sufficient understanding and agreements between the Government of the United States and the countries on the Isthmus, to authorize this Government to send out a surveying party, which had already sailed, or was about to sail.

Mr. WOOD said he understood that there was an agreement so far as survey was concerned, but there was no concession of right of way.

Mr. O'NEILL expressed the opinion that all the subjects embraced in the resolution come within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Commerce; that in fact the functions of the Special Committee on navigation interests were ended, or should be. There had been no necessity for the creation of that committee in the first instance, the Committee on Commerce being ready and anxious at all times to perform its duties.

Mr. LYNCH replied that the Special Committee had been created with the consent of most of the members of the Committee on Commerce, and by the terms of the resolution it was not required to report before the second Monday in January. He moved the reference of that Special Committee of that portion of the President's Message relative to navigation. The motion was rejected.

Mr. JONES, of Kentucky, inquired of Mr. SCHENCK whether the subject of the recognition of belligerent rights to Cuban patriots had been specially referred?

Mr. SCHENCK replied that it went with all other matters in relation to foreign affairs, to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. He knew of no other Committee it could be properly referred to.

The Committee rose, and the resolutions were reported to the House and adopted.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. DAWES introduced a bill to reorganize the Treasury Department and fix the pay of its officers, remarking that he did not consider himself committed to its provisions, but he introduced it at the request of others. It was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to repeal the Tenure-of-Office act, which was reported to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. HILL introduced a bill abolishing the franking privilege, which was referred to the Post Office Committee.

Mr. BROOKS introduced a bill to constitute Chattanooga, Tenn., a port of delivery. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. ELDRIDGE introduced a bill to authorize the combination of land districts in certain cases. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. WILLIAMS introduced a bill to repeal the duty on salt, coffee, tea, and writing and printing paper. Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. WALKER introduced a bill to promote the International Industrial Exhibition, to be held in the City of Washington in 1871. Referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. CULLOM introduced a bill to repeal section 4 of the act of March 3, 1869, in relation to additional bounties, and to provide an extension of time in which bounty claims may be filed. Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. FINKELNBURG introduced a bill to establish a uniform system of naturalization. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. STEVENSON introduced a bill to provide for relief from legal and political disabilities as follows:

Be it enacted, &c., Two-thirds of each House concurring therein, that upon the ratification of the proposed Fifteenth Article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States, the legal and political disabilities imposed by the Fourteenth Article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, shall by operation hereof, be removed from all persons subject thereto who shall have been at the date of said vote citizens and actual residents of any State the Legislature of which shall have voted to ratify said Fifteenth Article of amendment; provided, however, the provisions hereof shall not apply to any person who shall have been a member of any State or Federal Congress, or a member of any State or Federal Legislature, or an officer in the military service of the United States, or a member of any convention or assembly that shall have declared or attempted to declare any State of the United States not a part of the Union, during the late rebellion, nor to any person who, during said rebellion was guilty of cruelty or inhumanity to any prisoner of war, held or claimed to be held as such, nor to any person who aided, abetted or counseled the assassination of ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. WOOD introduced a bill to prevent methods of Congressmen accepting or holding any place of trust under the Government. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SARGENT introduced a joint resolution to annul an agreement of the 6th of February, 1869, entering by the United States of a lot of land known as the Custom House block, in San Francisco, Cal., which, after an explanation and discussion, passed.

Mr. SHELLOW introduced a bill granting to the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company the right of way through the public lands. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. INGERSOLL introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of coin on the part of the United States, and to provide for the redemption of United States legal-tender notes in coin at par. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ALABAMA MEMBERS ADMITTED.

Mr. PAINE, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, reported back the credentials of four Alabama members, with a recommendation that they be sworn in. The oath of office was thereupon administered by the Speaker to Messrs. HAYS, SHERWOOD, HERLIN and DOX.

LOUISIANA CONTESTED SEATS.

Mr. BURR, from the same Committee, reported back a resolution authorizing Mr. KERR, of Indiana, to act as a member of the Committee on Elections in reference to the Louisiana election cases. Adopted.

VIRGINIA CREDENTIALS REFERRED.

Mr. BUTLER, of Tennessee, presented the credentials of two Virginia members. Referred to the Committee on Elections.

OTHER BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. PAINE introduced a bill to refund to the City of Milwaukee certain moneys advanced for the construction of the straight cut in the harbor of Milwaukee. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. JONES introduced a bill for the erection of a Post Office, United States Court rooms, and Internal Revenue offices in Covington, Ky. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. CULLOM offered a resolution for the printing of 500 copies of General GEORGE H. THOMAS' report on Alaska. Referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. KELLEY offered a resolution for the drawing of seats. Mr. LOGAN suggested, jocularly, that a drawing shall take place every morning after the prayers. The resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 10 to 88.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, offered a resolution directing the Postmaster-General to report what, if any, plan is practicable by which the pensions due widows, orphans and soldiers may be paid through the money order system of the Post Office Department. Adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The House then proceeded as the regular order of business to the call of Committees for reports.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a resolution of inquiry as to the sums paid for the construction and completion of the Washington Aqueduct. Adopted.

Mr. JENCKES, from the Committee on Patents, reported a bill for the extension of RICHARD M. HOE's patent for a printing press for seven years. After considerable discussion, in which Messrs. JENCKES and PETERS advocating the passage of the bill, and Messrs. WASHBURN, of Wisconsin, and NIBLACK opposing it, was, on motion of Mr. FINKELNBURG, laid on the table without a division.

PETITIONS.

Mr. KETCHAM presented a petition of the citizens of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., asking Congress to accord belligerent rights to Cuba.

Mr. STARKWEATHER presented a petition of the citizens of Stonington, Conn., to remove the duties on imported coal.

Mr. HOOPER offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Rules to report a rule, that after seats for delegates have been drawn in any Congress, no further drawing shall be in order during that Congress. Pending the consideration of the resolution, the House, at 2:30 adjourned.

THE CHARTER ELECTION.

A Light Vote and a Quiet Time Generally—The Tammany Ticket Generally Successful—The Force of Re-Electing the Mayor—Justice Ledwith's Triumph over the "Ring"—Achievements of the "Repeaters."

The election for minor offices in this City passed off very quietly yesterday except in one or two of the wards where party spirit ran high. The result was, in nearly all the districts, a cut-and-dried certainty. Beyond the candidates of the factions and their immediate adherents very little interest was manifested in the event by our citizens generally. Comparatively few honest voters took the trouble to deposit their ballots, and those of them that did so mournfully reflected that under existing laws and the elective Judiciary system they were powerless to put in office men who would faithfully administer the City Government. But while those of our citizens who are most interested in securing good legislators, judges and school trustees for the City took but little part in the contest, those who had personal interests at stake in electing their favorite candidates went through the forms of franchise requisite to the accomplishment of their ends with great alacrity. The result is set forth at length in the tables that we publish below.

The amount of illegal voting done at this election cannot be estimated. It was generally in proportion to the needs of the successful candidates. The "repeaters" did their work thoroughly, and without much opposition from anybody. As a sample of what they were able to do, it may be stated that over 15 voters were registered as residents of one house on the corner of Broadway and Thirty-sixth-street, where hardly any of them had their domicile. One of the inspectors in the Sixth Election District is said to have been detected in the act of destroying regularly-deposited ballots by burning them up.

THE MAYORALTY.

Voters generally were surprised to find at the various polling places, ballot boxes for the reception of votes for Mayor, as it had not been intimated in any quarter until late Monday afternoon that there was to be any election for Mayor. It seems that there is a legal question in the minds of some whether Mayor HALL, who was elected last Fall, was elected to a full term of two years or only to fill the unexpired term of Governor HOFFMAN, who had one year more to serve as Mayor when he was elected Governor. Although the best lawyers favor Mr. HALL's claim to a two-years' term, by virtue of the last election, yet in order to make sure of the thing and prevent any legal contest about the matter, the Police Commissioners were prevailed upon, as is said, at the solicitation of Mayor HALL, to distribute ballot boxes for the Mayoralty vote, and the Tammany Democracy were instructed, so far as could be done at that late hour, to cast their votes for Mayor HALL. This they did, to a large extent, as will be seen by the returns. As no proclamation had been made of an election for Mayor yesterday, the Republicans or other opponents of Tammany had no opportunity to make a nomination for that office, and the result was that Mayor HALL had it all his own way. If the election shall be decided to have been necessary or legal, Mayor HALL is secure in his office for two years more, instead of one, but it is difficult to see how an election, of which no notice was given to the people, official or otherwise, can be legal even if it shall be declared to have been necessary.

ARRESTS FOR ILLEGAL VOTING.

The following arrests were made for illegal voting:

Fifth Precinct—Michael Hearn.

Ninth Precinct—Samuel Parker, Michael Gaffney, Robert Hamilton.

Tenth Precinct—Louis Newman, Henry Peckman, P. Pedenham, Henry Achweiser, George Broomhead.

Seventeenth Precinct—Jacob Studer, James Hagan, John Donohue, Adam Bokeall, John Baker, John Fisher, Thomas Lynch, W. A. Hearne, William E. Bleeker, Maximilian J. Wolbering.

Eighteenth Precinct—Michael Burke, No. 218 Mulberry-street; Wallace Henderson, "Compton House," Twenty-fourth-street and Third-avenue; John Gray, No. 221 East Twenty-fourth-street; John W. Phillips, "Compton House;" James Gould, "Compton House;" Richard McCue, no residence; James A. Stanley, no residence; John Hunt, No. 206 East Twenty-fourth-street; William Lynch, Sumers Hotel; Andrew T. Mercer, "Compton House;" Joseph Greene, No. 420 Second-avenue; Henry, *alias* John Moore, Forty-third-street and First-avenue; James Reilly, *alias* Thomas Coyle, No. 247 First-avenue; James Duffy, No. 251 First-avenue; Hugh Montgomery, *alias* Frank Donahue, No. 453 East Fifteenth-street; John Donohue, *alias* James Sullivan, No. 220 East Twenty-second-street; Hugh McLaughlin, *alias* Dougherty, No. 213 East Twenty-second-street; John McMahon, No. 236 East Twenty-third-street; John McCarthy, No. 321 Third-avenue; Joseph Phelan, *alias* Thomas Weed, No. 229 East Nineteenth-street.

Fifteenth Precinct—James Carroll, No. 1,609 Third-avenue; Albert Smith, No. 970 First-avenue; Patrick McMahon, No. 225 East Fifty-first-street; William Brown, First-avenue, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets; Michael McCloskey, No. 234 East Forty-seventh-street; Edward Scott, No. 232 East Sixty-second-street; Patrick McGuire, No. 1,994 Second-avenue; Patrick Smith, No. 225 East Fifty-sixth-street.

Twentieth Precinct—Edward Ostinor, Michael Mann, Christopher Schneider, Patrick Reilly, Wm. Richards, Louis Schleigel, Wm. H. Sinn.

Twenty-sixth Precinct—James Brown.

SINGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF A DEMOCRATIC JUDGE.

Justice DONOHUE sat yesterday at the Jefferson Market Police Court, where the illegal voters arrested in the Eighth, Ninth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Eighteenth and Twentieth Wards were arraigned. During the first part of the day there were alarming symptoms that he intended to do all in his power to enforce the law and punish offenders, as he held all of the first comers in $500 bail, and was not arbitrarily exacting as to the nature of the evidence required to establish the case. For some reason and perhaps because of the inconvenience that would result from these plausible efforts to protect the ballot box, Justice MCCUNN, of the Superior Court, early appeared at the Police Court, where he employed himself with such energy in getting repeaters out of jail, that nearly all were speedily released on various pretexts and at liberty to resume their exertions in behalf of Democracy. Through his policy many of those who were arrested were not held at all, and the policemen and others attempting to make charges against them were repelled with more vigor than the circumstances of the case warranted. In one instance, Mr. Justice MCCUNN, of the Superior Court, asked the policeman what a prisoner man was arrested for, and being answered for illegal voting, he turned to the accused and inquired, "Did you vote illegally?" Of course, that individual answered in the negative, and the Superior Court Justice then told him to clear out, which, equally as a matter of course, he instantly did.

Some few, however, of the violators of the election law were held for trial at the General Sessions, and required to give bail by Justice DONOHUE in the sum of $500 each, which, with a few exceptions, they gave and were discharged. The following is the list of illegal voters thus held: Michael Gaffney, Thirteenth District Ninth Ward; James Hines, Sixteenth District Twentieth Ward; C. Schneider, Sixth District Twentieth Ward; Edward Connor, Sixth District, Twentieth Ward; Michael Burke, Fourth District, Eighteenth Ward; Robert Hamilton, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Districts, Ninth Ward; William B. Sinn, Sixth District, Twentieth Ward; Thomas Bellney, Twelfth and Thirteenth Districts, Ninth Ward; Michael Mann, Sixth District, Twentieth Ward; Samuel Parker, Fifth District, Ninth Ward.

INDIGNATION OF GERMAN VOTERS.

In the Fourth Judicial District, (

EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENCE.

ENGLAND.

Topics of the Day—Meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce—Coinage, Taxation, Trade Unionism, Emigration, and Kindred Questions.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Friday, Nov. 19, 1869.

The state of trade and manufactures in England, the lack of work in large districts, the war between employers and employed, the rapid increase of pauperism and crime, are subjects of serious and even alarming interest. They occupy the Press, the Ministry, public men in their addresses on various occasions, and will occupy Parliament when the even more pressing Irish and question is put in the way of settlement. This week a special meeting of the Executive Council of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom has been held at Birmingham, for the discussion of these matters, which interest all the business men of the country. Of course, this Council is composed of the cleverest men in England, and I have thought that some notice of its proceedings would interest American readers.

First, there was a debate on the coinage question—the question whether Government should continue to coin gold for nothing, but the members had not made up their minds and came to no decision. Next came the tariff question. I had supposed from the manner in which some remarks of mine, two or three years ago, were commented upon by the *Times* and *Pall Mall Gazette*, that the last word had been said on this subject; but, since then, the matter has become one of wide agitation. The whole trade question is productive in its character. Working men are clamoring for reciprocity in international dealings. The trade which England thought her own, is going to other countries. Even in the Chamber of Commerce there are sharp discussions. "Every branch of industry," it was declared at Birmingham, "is suffering under extreme prostration." Trade shows a falling off of exports during the month of September of $661,000. The Government is urged to make commercial treaties with Spain and Portugal, similar to that with France, stipulating for the admission of English goods with a reduction of duties. Now, France, in virtue of such a treaty, has almost a monopoly of the trade of the Peninsula. But, while it is a question of keeping her trade with other countries, and if possible securing it by treaties, England is losing her trade with her own colonies. No sooner was the right of self-government by local Legislatures granted them, than they, one and all, abandoned the free-trade principles of the mother country, and levied import duties for revenue and protection. In consequence, English trade with Canada has fallen off, while Australia is stationary—in spite of the rapid increase of that country—and there seems to be as much need of commercial treaties with the colonies as with the continental countries. China imposes only a duty of five per cent on British goods, France and Belgium ten per cent, while unprotected and unnatural Canada charges fifteen. How, it is asked, can England expect America to adopt free trade, when Canada behaves in this fashion? And can you wonder at the indisposition of the Imperial Government to spend money for the defence of these unprotected colonies?

Then Mr. WHITWELL, M. P., moved that Government be requested to appoint a Commission to inquire into the operation of the French treaty. There was an apparent conviction in the minds of many that the duties upon English goods sent to France were too high and too large, and there was very great doubt (and he might use a stronger term than doubt) whether the actual working of the French treaty was for the good of the country.

Mr. ARGYO, M. P., said they all accepted free trade, but they might have fixed duties on exports, especially the export of what was the capital of England, coals. This would have the same effect as an increased duty upon foreign goods. But this view was considered dangerous.

Mr. BERTHES (Bradford) moved that the Government be urged to take measures to open Western China to British commerce, by requiring the fulfilment of treaty obligations on the part of China, and by such measures as the Government may deem advisable. He said China was a marvelously rich and extensive field for British manufactures. All that was required to make it available was that our treaty rights should be observed. The Kang-Tze-Kiang was a magnificent river, navigable for 1,100 miles, and opening up a country peopled, by an estimate of missionaries, "the single Province of Sze-Chuen contained a population, one-third of the richest people in China. Their country was flowing with milk and honey. Chun-King, its commercial capital, contained 400,000 inhabitants. England had a right, by treaty, to have commercial access to the place, but the Mandarins disregarded the treaty. Consequently, British commerce suffered in consequence.

This motion was carried unanimously, but, if this great river is opened to British commerce, it will be none the less open to American, French and German. If the Suez Canal proves a success, the country which can most readily take advantage of it is Austria, which has large manufacturing interests, and nearly France. America can carry her cotton goods across the Pacific. And if coal is the capital of England, America has twenty times as much, and if China is to be furnished with manufactures from abroad, which does not seem likely, it will be from America rather than any part of Europe.

Mr. MUNDELLA wrote to the Chairman that the Government was arranging for a general reduction of postage, so that no letter to the Continent would be more than three pence minimum rate, while two ounces of printed matter should be carried in England for a half-penny. As to American postage the Kendall Chamber of Commerce considers that half an ounce for a penny is the proper rate. A resolution was also passed in favor of having a Minister of Trade, the Board of Trade not being satisfactory. This is not intended as any censure of Mr. BRIGHT, the President of that Board, who said, on taking the position, that it seemed to have been given to him because he was ignorant of its duties. It is, however, a step in the right direction, that every great national interest should have its responsible head. There is a Minister of War, of Finance, of Ditto—many. There should be Ministers of Education, Health, Industry, &c. The following resolution was not adopted, but was sent to the represented Chambers for consideration. I send it to you for the same purpose:

"That the tax on trades and professions being impolitic in principle, incapable of restitution, even approximately, with equity, and being most vexatious and offensive in its operation, it is a tax which should never be resorted to in cases of great urgency, and ought now to be repealed."

The portion of the income tax, it was urged, was a great injustice, a tax on health and brains, a temptation to make dishonest returns. Some people even felt compelled to return larger incomes than they had to conceal losses. I omit the discussions on international currency and a uniform system of weights and measures, remarking only that the French, or metric, system has been adopted in Germany and will be obligatory in 1872, and come to the final business of the conference.

Mr. ALFRED FIELD (Birmingham) proposed a resolution affirming the desirability of paying off a portion of the national debt annually. He said that the financial position of the country had greatly improved of late years, and that there was no longer any reason why the nation should be afraid to contemplate the magnitude of its debt and to endeavor to remove it. The example of the Americans ought to be followed in this matter. With infinitely less wealth, they had in a few years paid off an enormous amount of their debt. He believed the beneficial effect of retrenching the money of a portion of the debt would be speedily felt. He confidently asked the chairman and the interest of the country to pay off annually such portion of the national debt, and he moved a resolution to this effect.

Mr. SYKANNES (Southampton) seconded the motion. He said that one good effect of the reduction of the national debt would be that England would be better able to maintain her position among the nations, she indeed a great many things because of her enormous debt. He had no doubt the Americans could afford to be much more belligerent when their debt was paid off. While she considered it probable that the debt should be reduced, it should be borne in mind that an attempt to do so was not consistent with further reduction of the taxation of the present generation.

Mr. KENNEDY (Plymouth) said the matter would have been simplified if Mr. FIELD had indicated any mode by which the money could be raised, which would indeed be a great gift to the country than the necessity of providing for the interest of the national debt was. He supposed it would also be proposed to put on almost prohibitory duties.

Mr. HINDT said he was not sorry at the time of the Crimean war that we had the burden of the national debt to keep us steady.

The motion was withdrawn, Mr. FIELD being satisfied with having called attention to the subject.

These delegates give us no solution to the mystery of the depression in trade. It is not the American tariff, for the exports to the United States for the past four years largely exceed those of the four years before the war. On eight principal articles the increase has been nearly $4,000,000. But it is said that this enormous trade is carried on at a loss profit than formerly. It is of little use to manufacture goods if no profit is left to those who furnish the money and do the work. But how can this be when capital, wealth, incomes, are all the time increasing? The rich are growing richer. There seems to be no doubt of that; and there is no more doubt that the poor are an increasing class, and are growing poorer. The Times, which a few years ago scorned all question of English trade policy, now says:

"It would be vain to shut our eyes to the fact that a grave discussion is impending on the policy of unrestricted free trade."

The French treaty is condemned both in England and in France, where the feeling against it is the great manufacturing towns has become, it is said by the Times correspondent, "too urgent to be neglected."

"Old Trader Unionists," says the *Times*, "repudiate protection in the abstract, but they confess a desire to introduce such 'regulation and control' as shall insure a due reciprocity. By such language they whole home is much raised which we had thought determined in the controversies of a quarter of a century back; and it becomes prudent at once to examine carefully the facts how alleged against our policy, and to recall the principles on which it was justified."

Mr. EDMUND ASHWORTH visited a very forcible letter to the Times, charging the whole number on the trades' unions. The masters have been harassed with rules, regulations, and strikes, until trade has been destroyed. This was the case with the shipbuilding on the Thames. France is now filling the orders that used to come to England. A few years ago, England supplied locomotives to France, Germany, Austria, Holland, Russia, and Spain; now France, Germany, and Austria not only supply most of the Continental demand, but even send them to England and India. Colliers dictate the price of coals; and bad and dear bricks are forced upon the whole building trade by the brickmakers. The trades' unions are demanding reciprocity, but the heaviest duties are those exacted by the trades' unions. "Be heavier," Mr. ASHWORTH says, "that any foreign tariffs, except the American."

Some of the facts of the destruction of trade by strikes, adduced by Mr. ASHWORTH, are curious.

In 1867 a seven weeks' strike terminated in a species of work (Grot de Naples) which then supplied some hundred weavers, leaving the district and driving it to Lutterbahn.

In 1847-8 an article (jet cords) employing on an average 600 looms was driven away for similar causes. Since that time the manufacture of figured wood silks was attempted, but gives up, and driven to Middleton, Lancashire.

In 1858 another attempt was made to stimulate this latter important branch of the trade, and negotiations with certain workmen completed, but were speedily broken, through the interference of the trades' unions demanding an unreasonable increase of wages, nearly sixty per cent, and so prohibiting its continuance.

In 1861 a fancy velvet trade was being carefully cultured, but shared a like fate with the above-mentioned, and is gone to Germany.

And so on of many kinds of business. And now an English capitalist, if he has too much difficulty with his workmen, quietly transfers his business to some other locality, to Scotland, or if that will not do, to Belgium or Switzerland. He becomes richer by the operation; but the English workingmen become the poorer.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* has great sympathy with those who are now praying the Government to preserve the integrity of the Empire, and who ask its aid to emigrate to some of their own possessions across the sea. Every Englishman owns a farm or an estate somewhere, if he could only get to it. All British North America, Australia, South Africa belongs to him, with all their treasures. He needs only a free passage hence, and some aid in getting settled. But if the colonies and dependencies of the Empire are abandoned—if Englishmen give up all the immense property—what then? The *Pall Mall* says:

"Great Britain may become the workshop and workhouse of all Europe. We shall have a small population; the rich section will be bleated with wealth, and will find it difficult to buy anything worth having with its money. The poor will have high wages and a chance of becoming rich, if they will regard self-control as the means to an end. Some such destiny appears like death to life, and to accept it would be like treason to all the principles and traditions which have for centuries given to Englishmen, perhaps the first, certainly at present, part in the history of mankind. Another destiny is open to us if we have the manliness and virtue to work it out. From every English colony murmurs are rising at our indifference. We may think little of them, but they do not think little of us. Canada, Australia and New-Zealand and the Cape, from old to young, protest against the notion of being left to themselves. We should consider what a race we are—the fairest, the most sagacious, the most strenuous of races. Give us high aims, noble cares, arduous tasks, set us to think or to write, or to fight or to colonize in a worthy and manly way, and female virtues which we can and ought to devote ourselves to in earnest, and our race will continue to breed heroes. Deprive us of high objects, and our force is our bane. We become the most worldly, coarse and vulgar of mankind."

The object of high ambition is to weld all the British colonies and possessions around the earth into one harmonious, homogeneous Empire. And this is the task set to a country which cannot pacify Ireland, nor govern its own metropolis!

In regard to English trade and Continental competition, it is remarkable how far very clever men keep from the root of the matter. Ironwork, machinery and locomotives can be made cheaper on the Continent than in England, because wages are one-third lower; wages are one-third lower, because the necessaries of life are one-third cheaper; the necessaries of life are one-third cheaper, because the people own the land, because the national debts are smaller, and rates and taxes are lighter. They have one-third less weight to carry. Trades' unions are an expensive mode of compelling English employers to pay wages enough to enable workingmen to bear these burdens. MONADNOCK.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

The Question of the Ministry—The Rochefort Court Case—The Suez Canal—Business at the American Legation in Paris.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1869.

When I last wrote to you the Ollivier Ministry was considered a fixed fact, and, as I stated at the time, the correspondents of the foreign journals were authorized at the Ministry of the Interior to send off an announcement to that effect on the express condition that they should not ventilate it in Paris. This was on Thursday. On Saturday there appeared in the official journal the following statement: "Some of the newspapers speak of Ministerial modifications. All the rumors circulated on this subject are entirely destitute of foundation."

I am particular in specifying these facts in order not only that you may form some idea of the extremes to which official effrontery is pushed under the Imperial *régime* in France, but that you may also the better appreciate the statement which I am about to make to you, and which I have from a source on which I have reason to place the most implicit reliance. You will find that it differs in some important points from the explanations which you will find in the Paris journals.

On Wednesday last, as I stated to you, the Ollivier combination appeared so far satisfied that the Bureau of the Press in the Ministry of the Interior considered itself justified in letting the fact go forth to the world. That is, the world outside France. M. OLLIVIER, whose ambition it is to become Foreign Secretary, had consented to occupy the Ministry of the Interior *ad interim*. On Thursday the Emperor expressed his desire that M. FORCADE DE LA ROQUETTE should take the position of President of the Council of State, now occupied by the Marquis DE CHASSELOUP LAUBAT. M. OLLIVIER refused, on the ground that M. LAURIER formed one of the members of the Cabinet that was styled the Liberal Advanced Party, and that his replacement by M. FORCADE DE LA ROQUETTE, although another position might be found for him, would be considered a reactionary indication, and would tend greatly to embarrass the new Administration.

The Emperor seemed inclined to give way on this point, when M. OLLIVIER said to him that there was another condition for which he made stipulation before he ventured to office, and that was that M. ROUHER was only to be considered as out the question, or, but to enjoy all the discretionary powers of Prime Minister under a constitutional government. The Emperor turned upon him sharply and said, in a tone of irritation, "And what am I to consider myself then?" M. OLLIVIER replied with dignity, "Sire, if you accept the Parliamentary *régime* you must accept it with all its consequences." The Emperor could not be brought to regard the matter in this light, and the combination fell to the ground.

M. OLLIVIER, in the subsequent conversations with his friends, has thus declared his views in regard to the acceptance of office under present circumstances: "I entered into these fresh negotiations with reluctance," he said. "I do not want to take office unless by a vote of the Chamber. I am therefore not sorry that the combination proposed failed. I accepted it only on these express conditions, that M. FORCADE, or any of the other Ministers remaining in the Cabinet, should immediately on the opening of the Chamber make statements exculpating themselves on three two vexed questions, the provocation of the Corps Legislatif and the Government measures at the elections before I presented my political programme. Under such circumstances I should have felt no difficulty whatever in addressing the Chamber to let bygones be bygones and to turn over a new leaf." These conditions were, it seems, accepted by the Emperor and M. FORCADE, and the split only took place on the attribution of powers claimed by M. OLLIVIER as head of the Cabinet. The Emperor, who has declared more than once that "he wants Ministers, but not a Ministry," prefers to confront an adverse vote of the Chamber, than to yield a point which is the logical consequence of his own acts and to which he will be forced to come at last, or be driven to attempt another *coup d'état*.

THE PARIS ELECTIONS.

The elections for the First, Third and Eighth Circumscriptions of the Department of the Seine terminated last evening without the slightest disturbance of public order. In the Fourth Circumscription there is to be a fresh ballot, the candidate heading the list not having the numerical superiority over his competitors required by law. In the First Circumscription HENRI ROCHEFORT has been returned by 17,972 votes; M. CARNOT received 13,474, and M. TEREN 2,064. The Government has to thank itself for this result. Had it not altered the character of the constituency by its choppings and changings of the boundaries of the circumscription to suit its own corrupt purposes, ROCHEFORT could not possibly have obtained a majority of votes in its old limits. My predictions in regard to the results of the elections in the other circumscriptions have, I am happy to say, proved correct. M. CHERMOUX is the successful candidate in the Third, heading his Protectionist rival, M. FOURNE QUEVRIER, by 20,194 votes to 9,800. M. DUFRAT received only 611 votes, and LEDRU ROLLIN 126. In the Eighth, EMANUEL ARAGO has carried the day. He received 19,624, against 6,327 given to HIBOLP, the second on the list. M. GREY got 5,324. In the Fourth Circumscription the numbers stood thus: GLAIS-BIZOIN, 11,903; ALLON, 7,559; BERSOT, 6,148; DIDIER, 483. M. BIZOIN will no doubt be elected on the second ballot, for between the tame Liberalism of M. ALLON, and the Jacobin extravagance of M. BERSOT, there can be no question as to the expediency of his election.

There is a very general feeling of satisfaction at the results of the contest. The election of ROCHEFORT, as I have explained, has no political significance in presence of the return of such men as CREMIEUX and ARAGO, who will range themselves with their old and reasonable associates of the *Gauche*. Individually he will exercise no influence in the Chamber. Without political antecedents of any kind, and utterly devoid of oratorical talent, he can only render himself conspicuous by his violence and extravagance. In this he will not be supported by the members of the Left, who have but too many reasons to distrust him. Any attempt, therefore, that he may make to create such an excitement around his person, as did that noble patriot MANUEL, under the restoration, will end in disappointment and the entire loss of the questionable popularity which he has gained. In one of my recent letters I told you that the Chamber would prove his political tomb, and you will find, before the first month of the session has closed, that he will not only have rendered himself the laughing stock of the House, but the fallen idol of his constituents.

It was stated yesterday that the Government intended to dispute the return of M. ROCHEFORT, on the ground that all the tickets placed in the urn for him bore the inscription "for the revolutionist and socialist candidate." Possibly this might have afforded a sufficient legal objection to his taking his seat, but I am glad to say that on inquiring at the Ministry of the Interior this morning I find that the Government disclaims all idea of opposing his return on that or any other ground. It would be ill advised if it did. Men like ROCHEFORT are the best auxiliaries that an Administration so critically placed can have. Their Jacobinical excesses will always be found to suggest a good excuse for administrative indiscretions.

MOVEMENTS OF THE COURT.

Contrary to what the journals have asserted, it is decided that the Emperor will not return to Compiègne. This I learn this morning from official sources. All the official invitations have been countermanded. Such of the guests, however, as choose to go, will be received by the Princess MATHILDE. The statement that the Empress is expected back by the 27th is not correct. She had not reached Alexandria last night by 7 o'clock.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

The truth is beginning to leak out regarding the "fiasco," to use the mildest term, of the great Egyptian enterprise. It appears that a vessel of the Peninsular Company, drawing only fifteen and a half feet of water, grounded several times; the Pelouse, an Egyptian vessel, stuck fast in the mud for about a quarter of an hour. The *Rafa*, another Egyptian steamer, had her screw stopped and was obliged to return. The banks of the canal have been seriously damaged. This is a bad prospect for the shareholders of the Company. How the St. Simonians, who were the real originators of the present scheme, and who were cheated out of their share of the credit and profit of it by the man to whom they intrusted their plans, would enjoy the confirmation of the news of these disappointments. For the sake of the interests of commerce and of humanity in general it is to be hoped that they will prove unfounded.

BUSINESS AT THE UNITED STATES LEGATION.

The application made by Mr. WASHBURNE for a small additional grant for more office room and which has been so strangely perverted into an application for an increase of salary, calls for some explanation on my part, as I have almost daily an opportunity of witnessing how cramped the Legation is for accommodation.

Of every line written in the office a record is kept. It is taken first from the original in the copying books by means of a copying press, and afterward by hand for the archives. This has to be done by the Second Secretary while the Minister and First Secretary attend to callers. The records, which at the beginning of the century amounted only to about 100 pages, now reach 2,000 per year. Most of them are copied twice, (draft and copy,) and many of transient interest are not entered on the record, so that the amount of writing alone is between 5,000 and 7,000 per annum, or between twenty and twenty-five for each working day.

At the end of every week all papers which have been fully attended to are placed in the archives, at present in charge of General HEISS. These were formerly not in such order as they require to be kept in, in a Legation of such importance. Indeed, during the ninety-five years during which the Legation has existed in Paris, only two Secretaries had kept the records of their time in proper condition, the rest remaining in a state of rude accumulation.

The merit of reducing this mass of documents to order is due to General DIX. At his request, General HEISS was detailed to the Legation in 1867, and at Mr. WASHBURNE's solicitation continued there. Since that time all the records (the volumes of which have been bound, and in a general subject index made, so that any instance is classified alphabetically in the archives) of the Paris service, including a similar system of military reports, which had been commenced, and it is being simultaneously observed with the correspondence carried on with the Department of State, the French Foreign Office and the various Consulates. If it be preserved in and extended so as to cover all the other branches of correspondence, it will be possible to find any paper in the archives in about ten minutes, and that without handling any other documents than the one in question.

Besides the execution of these arrangements, General HEISS has charge of the library of the Legation, which now comprises about 1,500 volumes of the various publications of Congress and the French Government, and which are constantly being asked for, for reference by American citizens.

A dispatch bag leaves the Legation every Friday evening for the United States, and all United States Consuls in France, Spain and Switzerland forward their correspondence through it. The expense is covered by the Paris Consulate-General, which pays the Legation the amount of postage it would otherwise have to pay to the French Post Office. All other Consulates send their letters free, and an amount of $1,000, allowed formerly to the Legation for postage, has not been drawn for the last three years.

CURRENT NOTES.

Philadelphia's English sparrows have left its parks for parts unknown.

Sitka is the residence of a Russian lady 107 years old, and blind.

New and well-executed counterfeit $20s on the First National Bank of this City have made their appearance in Albany.

The estimates of the heads of the various Departments for the coming year amount in the aggregate to $100,000,000.

Harvard has now, for the first time in several years, more undergraduates than Yale. Yale has 610, Harvard 622.

Philadelphia has built this year 5,323 new buildings, and crews over Chicago, which reports only 2,600 buildings erected this year.

New-Orleans and Chicago papers express regret at the presence of armies of unemployed men in the streets of those cities.

Chief Engineer DAMBRELL, of the Boston Fire Department, was presented with a diamond ring, valued at $1,000, on Saturday.

The Mobile *Tribune* has discovered the "one sound plum in the burnt pudding of the Union." It is the full opportunity for free trade between the States.

The Springfield (Mass.) *Republican* says that the result of the charter election in that city, on Monday was a triumph for the Boston and Albany Railroad.

A man who moved into a house in Niagara Falls the other day, found therein a bottle containing what he thought was rotchup, but really was, as he learned too late, hog poison.

The Washington *Chronicle* says that Senator elect LAWIS, of Virginia, while in that city last week, did not conceal his intention to act with the Republicans when admitted to a seat in Congress.

Chief Engineer HENDRICK, at New-Haven, complains that in almost every instance when the Fire Department is called out by acts of incendiarism on the College grounds, the hose is cut.

One hundred Georgians, principally from the northern part of the State, have been converted to Mormonism, and removed to Utah since last Spring. Four elders have been laboring in the State.

Chief Justice SCOTT, of Maryland, decided on Saturday that the Emancipation Proclamation was without authority and void, and that, although the object of the unjust act has been accomplished, that does not make it just.

A poor woman in Worcester, Mass., who for twenty weary years has waited to hear from her husband, has just received a letter from him, saying that he has amassed a fortune in California, and is waiting for her to enjoy its advantages with him.

The Illinois Constitutional Convention will assemble at Springfield on Monday, and the balance of power will be held by members who, elected on an independent ticket, will be under no special obligations to either political party, as such.

The San Francisco *Bulletin* inquires if the desertion of the United States Marine Hospital building in that city since the earthquake is part of a well-organized system of waste, neglect and systematic depreciation, that the property may fall into private hands at a low price.

A Brown University sophomore undertook to prevent a freshman from wearing a silk hat. The freshman entered a complaint against the sophomore before the Police Court and he was fined $5 and costs. But if hazing has not been abolished at Brown that freshman must look out sharp.

The Radical members of the Tennessee Legislature have issued a long address to their party in the State. The document abounds in strong accusations against the party in power, and contains forebodings as to the future, and the signers, in conclusion, recommend the party throughout the State to vote against the Constitutional Convention.

Rev. ALONZO B. COULIZE, who was formerly teacher of a grammar school in Philadelphia, and is now in charge of a colored school in North Carolina, has written a letter giving an account of the outrageous treatment he received from the Ku-Klux, who dragged him from his bed, beat him severely, and left him in the bushes, with an order to leave the State within ten days.

Dr. ALEXANDER MCFARLAND, for sixteen years past Superintendent of the Illinois State Hospital for the Insane, will tender his resignation to-day, intending to visit Europe with a view to observing and increasing his knowledge of improved modes of treating the insane in that country, as well as securing rest and recreation.

The vote on the amended Constitution as officially declared is as follows: For the Constitution, 200,895; against, 190,456; majority against the Constitution, 66,561. For the amended Judiciary Article, 247,340; against, 240,462; majority for the Article, 6,878. For the property qualification for colored people, 222,480; against it, 240,802; majority for property qualification, 18,321.

The San Francisco *Bulletin*, speaking to the people of California, says that their submission to the petty five cent swindle seems magnanimous, but is really ignominious, as the rejection of half-dimes shows them to be laggard in the progress they have made toward diversified production in a State offering more varied opportunities than any other.

A stage robber, recently arrested in California, has made a confession revealing the fact that there is an organized band, with code of laws, grips, signs and passwords, operating from Oregon to Arizona, and into Nevada. The band was originally organized at Portland, Oregon, and has for months pursued a career of robbery and murder.

An Iowa Postmaster neglected to certify on oath to the correctness of his recent report, and wrote to the Department in justification: "If I hant give oath enuff then you Can take the office and I shall be very glad of it—I final do the Best I can for the united states that I dont think it pays to go so far to a Justice once in 5 years is a nuf—I should have to hire a horse it is up hill."

It was found necessary to subdue the elephant House at Covington, Ind., last week. To accomplish this he was thrown down and his legs fettered, and then for eight hours he was belabored with about iron rods and wounded with the spear immoderate times. When released from his bonds he rose to his feet in a very sorry plight, and, as his keeper said, a child could drive him with a rye straw.

On the eve of the election in Texas, Ex-Governor HENDERSON, of the Democratic Executive Committee, published a letter protesting against the action of its Chairman in favor of concentration upon WELLS THOMPSON for Lieutenant-Governor. He says that it was in violation of the understanding of the Committee that they should not permit the party to the support of any Democrat of Ex-Confederate, and that they thought it would be dangerous to the peace of the State to introduce this element.

Lieutenants WHEELER and LOCKWOOD, of the Engineer Corps, United States Army, sent out by General Ord with an exploring party to discover a route through the White Pine country to the Colorado River, have returned to San Francisco, and report that they have found a good route through a region abounding in timber and water, with indications of rich mineral deposits. The party were absent five months, most of the time in a region hitherto unexplored, but they fortunately met with no loss of men or animals.

The Lexington (Ky.) *Statesman* says that a few nights since a party of armed men burned a colored schoolhouse in Bath County, in that State, and, the lady teacher having fled to her boarding house, went thither and demanded to be admitted. Being refused, they riddled the door with bullets and then broke it down. Upon entering they demanded the person of the teacher, but she was fortunately concealed, and the inmates of the house refused to reveal her hiding place. The miscreants wretches then beat an old man and his son and left the house.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Richardson-McFarland Case.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of Sunday last you use this language:

"But, unfortunately, Mr. RICHARDSON's associates suffered their anger to obtain the upper hand of their judgment. They have sought to prove that a man does no wrong in tempting a wife away from her husband; they have, to the amazement of the public, practically pleaded for the sacredness of 'free love' principles."

Now, my dear Sir, you have in this grossly libeled the friends of Mr. RICHARDSON. I challenge you to produce one line or word from any of these friends to justify this assertion. So far from having "sought to prove that a man does no wrong in tempting a wife from her husband," they have explicitly affirmed their belief that there was no such "tempting" by Mr. RICHARDSON; that previous to Mrs. MCFARLAND's separation from her husband she never even alluded in his presence to her domestic troubles; that his counsel in that matter was never sought or given; that he had no more agency in that separation than General JACKSON, or any other man twenty years in his grave. Now, Sir, you may think that Mr. RICHARDSON's friends are mistaken as to the facts of the case; but when you affirm that they have "sought to prove that a man does no wrong in tempting a wife away from her husband," and that they have "practically pleaded for the sacredness of 'free-love' principles," you do most foully asperse their characters. Of all Mr. RICHARDSON's friends there is not one that does not abhor "free love" in principle and practice—not one that would stand up in his defence if he believed for a moment that he was guilty of such practice. They all believe that his conduct toward Mrs. MCFARLAND, before her voluntary separation from her husband was in no respect unworthy of a gentleman or, indeed, of the world's social code. If, when a woman has solemnly separated herself from her husband after nine years of wretchedness, with his acquiescence and in the presence of her father and other witnesses, it be a sin for another man to befriend her and agree to support her when her legal obstacles are removed, then, and to that extent only, is Mr. RICHARDSON a sinner. That he was imprudent in so soon offering Mrs. MCFARLAND marriage his friends confess; but they believe that his imprudence implied no stain upon his honor or his purity.

As for the divorce, it is not, as you insinuate, a fraud. There have, doubtless, been fraudulent divorces in Indiana; but this was not one. It was procured in strict conformity with the laws of one of the sovereign States of this Union, and if Mr. MCFARLAND was not personally notified it was because, according to the laws of Indiana, notice in a public journal was sufficient.

A FRIEND OF MR. RICHARDSON.

[To answer the above letter would oblige us to enter into a controversy which no true friend of Mr. RICHARDSON need be desirous to provoke, and which in justice to the deceased gentleman we decline to open. We have not attacked Mr. RICHARDSON, but the more injudicious of his friends—and we shall leave the reader to decide whether the writer of the above letter is to be included in this class of "friends" or not.]

The Financial Problem—Constitutionality of the Legal-Tender Act.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My surprise has been great at the seeming apathy of the business men and bankers of your City in regard to the mooted question of a speedy return to specie payments, and I have therefore read with much interest the recent sound and sensible editorials in your paper on this subject. Can your City furnish the coin which the nation will require in order to resume specie payments? This question, answered affirmatively, solves the whole question; and, in that case, the sooner the decree for resumption goes forth, the better it will be. But my judgment leads me to a different conclusion. I do not believe the thing within the scope of possible accomplishment, and any attempt to force it upon us will be as idle as the wind and as terrible as the whirlwind. It would paralyze business from the centre to the circumference of our country, and, in annihilating values, involve us in widespread and general bankruptcy. The legal tenders were issued, I grant, as a war measure, but were imperatively demanded for the salvation of our country. Nobly have they accomplished their mission; and now, let us treat the legal tenders and the national debt as evils of the rebellion, which can only be overcome by patient endurance and gradual reduction.

The necessity which called forth the legal tenders, is not apparent in the demand for their repudiation. The advocates of the measure at best only hope to hasten a financial advantage, which will certainly be delayed by premature action. And why should any branch of our Government be expected to ignore those human rights and natural instincts which are preminently above the technicalities of all written law? The nation's existence demanded the legal tender act, and who can doubt the constitutionality of such an act? What inspired the noble patriots who framed our Constitution, if the happiness and welfare of the people were not to constitute its corner stone? Its preamble enumerates among its objects, "to provide for the common defence and to promote the general welfare." The 8th section expressly imposes this very duty upon Congress, and Congress never passed a law with higher sanctions or more necessary for the preservation of national existence. It cannot well be questioned that the welfare of the people depends as much now upon the integrity of that act, as it did at the time of its enactment—and I trust that the faith of the nation will be maintained, and that instead of annulling or repealing the law, the legal tenders will be allowed to circulate agreeably to their terms and tenor, until Congress is prepared to redeem them in gold. It cannot be that the wise concerns of the nation which have grown up and which rest entirely upon the legal-tender currency, can be allowed to drift, through delay, much longer through an adverse decision, into anarchy and confusion. Yours truly, ALBANY.

The Consular Service—The Consular Clerks' Act.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In 1864 a law was passed by Congress entitled the Consular Clerk act. This was the result of an earnest desire on the part of the Department of State to bring about much needed reforms in the foreign civil service of the Government. The idea had been entertained by every Secretary of State since the time of Mr. MARCY, who was one of its most earnest advocates; but, as Congressmen continued to favor the system of rotation in office, it did not take the form of law until the date mentioned, under the auspices of Mr. SEWARD. It was hoped that the Consular Clerk act would be the entering wedge of a new system. By it the President was authorized to appoint thirteen young men, who should pass an examination in consular and diplomatic business from text books named by the Department, and who should not be removed from office except for valid cause. The Department carried the act out in the spirit in which it was passed and embodied in its general instructions, as found in the *Consular Manual*, page 173, section 243, the assurance that Consular Clerks, for good conduct and efficiency in consular and diplomatic business, would be promoted. In a word, promotion and permanency were the incentives held out to young men of "talent and education" to enter the new and regular avocation. It was justly argued by the Department that, without this hope of promotion, the services of valuable men could not be obtained; for pecuniary, at $1,200 per annum, with exile at some remote and perhaps unhealthy post in a subordinate position, would scarcely have led any man of parts to embrace the calling. To put the most liberal construction on the act was in accordance with the duty and the traditions of the Department, which thus rendered a service to itself as well as the country. Whatever else may be said against Mr. SEWARD, the fact stands to his credit that he comprehended this act in all its fullness, and saw in it the promise of better things.

In pursuance of his interpretation of the act, the late Secretary promoted two or three of these Consular Clerks, to be Consuls, for efficiency and good conduct. The most important of these promotions was that of the Consul at Rotterdam, who for a time was also Charge d'Affaires at the Hague, a superadded function permitted by law in the absence of a Minister. The Consul at Rotterdam, who had made special studies for his avocation, and passed an examination before a Board, of which CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS was President, and had secured his commission as Consular Clerk, was removed from his post without cause, to make place for a politician who desired a reward.

It is to be regretted that the present Secretary of State allowed this to be done. In permitting this removal he has placed himself in opposition to the traditions of the Department of State and to any system which aims at organization and improvement in the foreign service. It is, too, an open question, whether he has not, by his act, in the name of the President, violated a law. In the estimation of some of the Senators who debated and passed the act, he has. CIVIL SERVICE.

POISON IN PAWTUCKET.

Examination of Hiram A. Briggs, Accused of Attempting to Poison His Family—The Defendant Bound Over for Trial.

From the Providence Star, Dec. 7.

The Court of Magistrates in Pawtucket was crowded on Saturday morning by eager spectators, to listen to the examination of HIRAM A. BRIGGS, charged with mingling arsenic with gingerbread and sweet bread, with the intent to poison ALMIRA BRIGGS, her two daughters and a grandchild. The Attorney-General, SAYLES and J. F. LORD appeared for the Government, and Messrs. RIPLEY, BLODGETT and TILLINGHAST for the defendant. Mr. BRIGGS was arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

The first witness for the Commonwealth was J. MASTON GREENE, a boy, clerk in an apothecary store in Pawtucket. He testified that Mr. BRIGGS bought in his store on the 14th of November, an ounce of arsenic, which he said he wanted to "kill rats" with. He made no secrecy of it.

HORACE F. CARPENTER, an analytical chemist, testified to making examinations of several articles of food, which had been handed him by Dr. CLAPP, and finding arsenic in all of them. He found arsenic in the gingerbread, in the whitebread, biscuit, and in the Indian bread that had been used in the family. The arsenic to have been so well distributed must have been kneaded in the dough, and not sprinkled on top.

HENRY JENCKS, another chemist, who was present at Mr. CARPENTER's examinations, corroborated his statements.

Dr. Sylvanus Clapp, the family physician of Mr. Briggs, testified that he was called to the family on the day of the poisoning, and found Mrs. Briggs, her two daughters, and the grandchild sick, and from the nature of their sickness suspected poison, and treated them for it; he afterward procured some gingerbread, Indian cake and biscuit, of which they had eaten, and had them analyzed by Mr. Carpenter; Briggs stated to him it was possible his wife might have put poison in the food in an insane moment, or that his son Newton had done so for some reason; Mrs. Briggs had an eruption on her limbs, such as appears in a case of chronic poisoning; Briggs told him he had bought arsenic for years to kill rats with; in a close examination the doctor stated that the symptoms of arsenic and antimony were nearly the same; but he never knew the swelling of the eyelids, that appeared in Mrs. Briggs' case, caused by antimony; he did not consider Mrs. Briggs insane.

Mrs. Almira Briggs, wife of the defendant, stated that she was taken sick from eating the Indian cake and other articles of food, and was treated for poison by Dr. Clapp; several days before, on going to make tea, she found a white powder in the teapot, and poured the stuff into the sink; had not lived happily with her husband, and he had offered her $6,000 to allow him to get a bill of divorce, which she refused; after she was taken sick she saw her husband through a grate or register, take up a pan of dough in the kitchen below and look at it, and then turn away and disappear; the dough was afterward baked into biscuits and eaten, making the family sick again; her husband had said he wanted to get rid of her, and had made threats; she had never known of her husband using arsenic to kill rats, or of having it in the house; she had not known the use of it.

Dora J. Briggs, a daughter of the defendant, stated that she eat off the food before mentioned, and was made very sick; heard her mother ask her father what he was doing around the pan of dough, and he said, "How foolish you talk—I was only looking into it;" Mar father asked her, about five weeks ago, if she or her mother or sisters drank tea or coffee, and when she told him so said, "Then I understand you to say your mother drinks tea and coffee, and that you and Josey drink coffee once in a great while;" she was acquainted with her father's offer of money to her mother to be divorced from him; her father asked her if she thought he put the arsenic in the food, and she told him she thought he did; her father said once he would get rid of the family, if not in one way he would in another.

Josephine Briggs, another daughter of the defendant, was examined. Her testimony in effect was, that she was made sick by the poisoned food; and that she saw her father put a paper behind some bottles in the kitchen closet a few days after his arrest; she searched for it, and found it to be a paper of arsenic, with one end twisted open, so it could sift through into the flour barrel; her father searched the house with an officer, the day after he put the paper there, evidently that he might find it, and have it appear that it was placed there some time ago, and she arsenic had accidentally sifted into the dough, without any criminal intention on his part; she had heard her father tell her mother that if he could not get rid of her in one way, he would in another.

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WHISKY AND TOBACCO.

The Rings in St. Louis—What has been Done in Suppressing them.

From the St. Louis Democrat, Dec. 4.

The voluntary surrender of the claims of D. D. WRIGHT and J. L. FORBES to the property seized by the Government at the Anchor Mills distillery, which surrender occurred a day or two ago, brings the affairs of the "old Whisky Ring" pretty nearly to a close. Previous to the time when the present District-Attorney came into office, the "Whisky Ring" carried on their swindling operations with impunity. They controlled a capital of over $20,000,000, and embraced in their organization many wealthy and influential citizens, besides a goodly number of Government officials, detectives, &c. Their transactions were upon a gigantic scale, and so completely did they control the market that no honest distiller or rectifier could compete with them. Their modes of evading the law have been repeatedly exposed and need not be rehearsed now.

When General NOBLE took charge of the office of District-Attorney for this district, he at once commenced a vigorous prosecution of the swindlers of the Government; and although officers whose duty it was to cooperate with him belonged to the Ring, and did all they could to prevent prosecutions, yet he pounced upon them like an avenging Nemesis, and the result is that nearly every one of the leaders are now in regular harness and in the penitentiary. Bribes, lawyers' fees, and the subornation of witnesses and jurors consumed their ill-gotten gains, and now they are beggars, without even the sympathy of their dearest friends to console them in their poverty.

We cannot now recall to mind all the whisky cases that were prosecuted by General NOBLE, and will only mention such as occur to us:

One of the first of the whisky cases was that of SERGENT & PRESTTEMAN, of Illinois, which was prosecuted in June, 1868, and resulted in the forfeiture of about $15,000 worth of property to the Government.

J. H. GARNHART's distillery, with a lot of Kelly's Bitters, was seized, and $13,000 worth of property confiscated, besides some valuable express wagons and horses that had been used in transferring the contraband spirits.

Fifty barrels of spirits claimed by SEARNEY & PRESTTEMAN, and valued at $5,000, were forfeited on account of false brands.

Ninety-three barrels were seized at HATCH & MAURICE's rectifying house; it had been brought here by the little steamer *Laura*.

A lot of fifty barrels from Milwaukee was confiscated.

The steamer *Laura* was seized for conveying contraband spirits, and was confiscated and sold for about $2,000.

The Ulric distillery, run by D. E. BUTLER, was seized, and whisky confiscated amounting to about $24,000.

CUNNINGHAM's distillery was forfeited, realizing $7,762.

Several lots of alcohol, from New-York, and many small lots of whisky were seized and confiscated about the same time.

The Wright cases commenced in May, 1868, and ended Dec. 2, 1869, realizing about $9,100 to the Government. There were two criminal trials of the parties, in both of which the jury failed to agree. On the third trial the result will probably be different, as additional witnesses have been discovered.

From the New-Orleans whisky cases the Government realized $1,400; from WALKER's 10 barrels, $6,000.

The whole amount realized by the Government in General NOBLE's prosecution of the Ring is over $100,000. The Warren and Thompson cases are yet to be tried.

One of the largest cases that of C. L. MATTESON and E. A. GOODELL, will be tried in a few days. The Court is waiting for the arrival of Governor DOOLITTLE, one of the counsel in the case.

In addition to the whisky cases there have been during the year sixty-one revenue cases, all but one of which were won by the Government. These facts show with what vigor, perseverance and ability Government NOBLE has discharged the duties of his office.

THE TOBACCO RING.

In the swindling operations of the Whisky Ring were both daring and gigantic, those of the Tobacco Ring were not so. Controlling less capital, perhaps, but embracing in its clan larger numbers of operators, this latter Ring resorted to the most despicable deeds—even to murder—to effect its objects.

One of the most notable tobacco cases was that of POGUE, PIGNOU & CO., who dreaded the loss of his standing in the Church more than the loss of his tobacco.

The Duell case was another instance of barefaced fraud. HULL, one of the parties tried for swearing off a false bond, is still in prison, but the jury failed to agree in regard to the other parties.

The tobacco swindlers, however, were not vigorously prosecuted until Colonel HOGELAND, a Government detective of shrewdness, honesty and great perseverance was sent to this district. He was the means of bringing to justice some of the most stupendous frauds in the tobacco line, and of breaking up the combination of swindlers who had their headquarters in this city. His first appearance was in December, 1864, when he procured the arrest of T. G. HERALD for using false brands; the factory was forfeited to the Government. In August, 1867, he made a raid and no less than ten tobacco factories (six of them in this State) were seized on his information, and fifteen of the owners—nearly all men of wealth and influence—were arrested. In every one of these prosecutions, which were conducted by General NOBLE, the Government gained a victory, and the swindlers were put to shame. More than $50,000 was placed in the treasury from these prosecutions.

Three of the confiscated factories were owned by WM. G., JOHN G. and THOS. G. HERALD, GEO. M. CORLEY and E. H. LOGAN, of St. Charles County.

After this the extensive factory of W. B. MANN, of Hannibal, was seized by Colonel HOGELAND. Then the factories of GLAGER, LUCHO & COLE, and DAUSMAN & GALBAUGH, of St. Louis, were seized, and all the parties convicted except CORLEY and LOGAN, who fled to parts unknown.

The Herald case resulted in the conviction of THOMAS HERALD and the forfeiture of his factory.

The other large factories seized were those of HERCHENROEN, THURMOND, the BROWNS, C. A. SCOTT, and ROBERT A. MILNER, besides many smaller ones, all of which were confiscated. From M. E. BROWN's tobacco the Government obtained $8,800.

While these factories were being seized, a Government detective named CHESELER was murdered in a mysterious manner, and it is generally believed that he was dispatched by the bravos of the "Ring."

Colonel HOGELAND's attention does not pertain to have been confined to the detection of frauds in tobacco, nor his operations limited to this district. He has made seizures in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, and no officer that we know of has been so successful in ferreting out fraud. He is understood to have said that the secret of his success consisted in his "attention to business and refusal of bribes."

The trial of SERGENT and the surrender of WRIGHT and FORBES, closed the labors of Colonel HOGELAND in this district, and yesterday he started for Louisville. It is a thing to know that the Government possesses an officer of such tried integrity, who for three years withstood the threats of violence and the offers of bribes from the unprincipled men he was employed to watch, and we hope our Louisville friends will estimate him "well lectured."

But, although the old Whisky and Tobacco Rings have been broken up, frauds are still carried on in these articles, on a smaller scale. We have been promised some rich developments in regard to the practices of the smaller Rings, who are more cautious than their predecessors, but not a whit more honest.

The Voyage of the Dictator.

The Philadelphia *Day* publishes the following extract from a letter written by an officer of the United States steamer *Tritons*, and dated Savannah River, Ga., Nov. 21, 1869:

"We left Hampton Roads on Saturday, Nov. 13, to convoy the *Dictator* to Key West, Fla. On Saturday night and Sunday we encountered a fresh gale from the eastward. On Monday we had fine and pleasant weather, but a rough sea; on Tuesday and Wednesday a heavy gale from the southeast, and on Thursday morning a fine day, when we came in here for coal, which had been sent for us from Philadelphia. During the gales the *Dictator* behaved splendidly, and to all appearances is a fine sea boat, and more able to look out for herself than her convoy was. As far as my experience goes, convoying monitors with vessels of this class is a humbug. During the voyage hence towing in such a rough sea was out of the question, and I fear I could have rendered the *Dictator* but little assistance had she met with any accident. We shall leave her with the spring tides, on the 26 of December. I hope to be in Key West in five days afterward, where my decks will have to be caulked."

Brooklyn Board of Education.

The regular meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Education, held last evening, was presided over by Mr. E. J. WHITLOCK, in the absence of Dr. THORNE, President. From the report of the Finance Committee it appeared that bills amounting to $82,412 26 were to be paid.

The report of the Committee on Teachers, on being read, caused some discussion relative to School No. 9, of which Mrs. DUNKLY is Principal. Messrs. THOMAS KENNEDY and FELIX CAMPBELL, a majority of the Committee of No. 9, having reported in favor of several appointments of teachers, Mr. CARTER, the other member of the Committee, proposed that the report be referred back to the Committee, and stated that a special committee be appointed to inquire into the affairs of No. 9. Mr. CARTER admitted that there was not the least of feeling between the other two members of the Local Committee of No. 9 and himself. So the Board adopted the report.

From a report made by the Library Committee it appears that in the several public school libraries there are 18,000 volumes. The Committee recommended the appropriation of $2,500 for the Western District and $1,000 for the Eastern District, for the purchase of new books. The report, so far as the $1,000 for the Eastern District was concerned, was adopted, and the remainder was ordered to be printed.

The Library Committee were authorized to enter into contract for the furnishing of chairs to the Board for use in the schools, the chairs to be cheap and durable.

The Board then adjourned.

Tiffany's New Iron Building in Union-Square—A Magnificent Structure—Its Cost, &c.

Slowly, but surely, the great business firms of "down town" are encroaching upon the once aristocratic dwellings of the upper portion of the Metropolis. Union-square presents at this time a vast change from its former appearance; dry goods, jewelry and banking establishments, among the buildings formerly used as residences, and even churches have been demolished to make room for the new regime.

At the corner of Fifteenth-street and Union-square, TIFFANY & CO. are having erected, at a cost of $600,000, a monster iron building, which the firm will occupy when finished. The structure is to be of the Roman composite style of architecture, with a frontage of 141 feet on Fifteenth-street and 75 feet on the Union-square side. Five stories, (three of which are already up,) with an average of 20 feet in height from floor to ceiling, constitutes the height of the edifice. The ground, or main floor, which is to be occupied as the salesroom, extends through from the main entrance to the rear and, will be the largest salesroom to be found in any building in the United States. The second, third, fourth and fifth stories will be devoted mainly to the storage and manufacture of every variety and style of jewelry.

The massive walls which support the iron work are composed of solid granite three feet in thickness, and extend to a depth of thirty feet beneath the pavement, where they rest on a layer of bed rock. Each and every floor is supported by three rows of iron pillars. The windows, some two hundred in number, will consist of but one pane of glass each, which have been ordered from Paris. Everything connected with this building is to be composed of iron, as a preventive of fire, in consideration of the vast treasures in jewelry and precious stones it will contain.

Two engines, located in the sub-cellars, supply the establishment with steam, as well as being the motive power for hoisting the elevators (of which there are two) to the different stories.

It promises to be when completed the largest, handsomest and most imposing iron edifice in the City or on the continent, and the firm are sparing no expense to make it a credit to the Metropolis. To form a faint idea of the immense business this company carry on, a stroll through their Broadway store would forcibly remind the visitor of the story of Sinbad the sailor in the enchanted valley.

One case alone contains diamonds and precious stones valued at $200,000 in gold, and in another case is a casket consisting of diamond necklace, earrings and brooch, valued at $80,000 in gold, and near by, in a tray in a glass case, are two sets of diamond jewelry valued at $16,000, gold, while between these two magnificent gems repose an Esterhazy, East India, diamond worth $10,000.

When the new building is completed, which will be in June next, it will be thrown open for inspection.

New-York State Poultry Show.

We have given some space to the feathered portion of the exhibited creatures at this show, and a brief notice of the rabbits. Yesterday evening the dogs particularly attracted our attention. The entries in this class are nearly 200. F. BUTLER, New-York, is the largest contributor, having entered in no less than seventy-five specimens. Out of this large number those most to be approved of appeared to us to be a black Newfoundland, a dusky spotted Siberian bloodhound, and a stately St. Bernard dog. The three are only puppies, but promise well, and are of good blood. The former comes of Irish wolf dog, a breed now almost extinct. Among hounds, Mr. BUTLER exhibits a pure-bred English fox hound. His next neighbors are some harriers and English beagles, and, a little further on, are some of the diminutive little hounds known as Queen Elizabeth's beagles. This breed is extremely rare. Some English pointers and setters form a charming group of sporting dogs, worthy of the pencil of Sir EDWIN LANDSEER. There is also a tiny wire terrier, cunning as a monkey and trained as a poodle. Several bull dogs and ball terriers, and numbers of other species, are all admirable in their way. Spot, the trained French poodle, is exhibited by his owner and trainer, and is a perfect marvel of sagacity and good education.

Sisters of the Stranger.

A meeting of this Society, which has its headquarters in the Bible House, was held yesterday. The Society was organized about a year ago, and is intended as a sort of refuge for persons coming to New-York and unacquainted with the great City. It has already afforded medical and legal advice and pecuniary assistance to a large number of persons, no distinction being made in nationality, creed, age, sect or color. The rooms of the Society, No. 48 Bible House, are open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Adjourned to the 13th inst. for the purpose of rendering decisions.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Cardozo, J.—Court opens at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

The entire calendar of issues of law and fact, comprising about 240 causes, will be called and set down for trial on any day this week or next.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1252	Bowen vs. Brown.	1051	Carpenter vs. Merriman et al.
802	Fraser et al. vs. Young et al.	1469	Ex. Nicholas Ins. Co. vs. M. Mutual Fire and M. Ins. Co.
1847	Manning et al. vs. Seis.	587	Smith, Jr. vs. Goodale et al.
1763	Edwards vs. Kentgen.	1327	Owens et al. vs. Fire and Coun'l Sec. Ass.
1327	Gilbert vs. The Burns Burn G. Co. of Brooklyn.	635	Pioto vs. Harmony Fire and Marine Ins. Co.
1909	Burrell vs. Overacker.	49	Mathews vs. Hobby.
1908	Keating vs. Roche.	1165	Owen vs. Fuller.
1407	Schuster vs. Germania Fire Ins. Co.	1775	King vs. Van Cleef.
1651	Paton vs. Howard.	1776	Fisk vs. Bragg.
427	Kirkland, assignee vs. Northrup et al.	1787	Byrnes vs. Gilbert et al.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part II. Held by Clerke, J.

Adjourned to Thursday at 10:30 A. M.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.—Calendar called at 12 o'clock.

Nos.		Nos.	
42	Kennedy vs. Marsh.	121	Giles vs. Smith.
44	Same vs. Same.	123	Huston vs. Weber.
46	Same vs. Lynn.	124	Bowen vs. Bidwell.
102	Seabury vs. Hay.	125	Roff vs. Morris.
103	Price vs. Wilson.	142	Lawrence vs. Am. Nat. Bank.
108	Fulton Fire Ins. Co. vs. Cochrane.	146	Dunham vs. Odell.
114	Intercontinental Life Ins. Co. vs. Barnes.	147	Byrd vs. Schlesinger.
120	Mooney vs. British Com. Life Ins. Co.	153	Fowl vs. Lowenstein.

The call commences at No. 155, Sherlock vs. Sherlock.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Monell, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
636	Mechanic National Bank of Baltimore vs. Gallwitzer.	1025	Silbrath vs. Taylor.
606	Sterne vs. Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co.	1051	Burton vs. Driggs.
1038	Smith vs. Coe.	1057	Redfield vs. Hewitt.
722	Sherman vs. Niagara Fire Ins. Co.	1067	Baldwin vs. Wise.
1003	Howard vs. Smith.	1068	Maloney vs. Harrich.
1005	Ward vs. Nash.	651	Garcia vs. Wiswall.
1079	Comstock vs. Belden.	1128	Levi vs. Ehrich.
		1146	First National Bk. of Petersburg vs. Shute.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part II.—Held by Fullston, J.

Nos.		Nos.	
1264	Muller vs. Saunder.	1466	Stewart vs. Calyrell, Shaw & Willard Manufacturing Co.
1266	Lamoe vs. Frank.	1469	Wilson vs. Goodwell.
1322	Flatau vs. Hodth.	1416	Wilson vs. St. John.
1368	Gill vs. Carroll.	1498	Lott vs. Shaw.
1384	Small vs. Reach.	1504	Dunbacher vs. Flyr.
1376	Kunzl vs. Earl.	1455	Holmes vs. Roberts.
1380	Whitlock vs. Denny.		
1382	Tucker vs. Grant.		
1384	Follett vs. Salmon.		

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Curtiss, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
4162	Phillips vs. Dodge.	4028	Lafayette vs. Drake.
4005	Underhill vs. Lord.	4061	Ross vs. Tuckham.
—	Carbery vs. Wilson.	4068	Shannon vs. Graw.
4208	Small vs. Field.	4069	Banks vs. Ackerson.
4167	Walton vs. Hagan.	4082	Adams vs. Henry.
3965	Geddis vs. Birch.	4088	Worthall vs. Thompson.
4207	Wills vs. Allison.	—	Francis vs. McMahon.
4211	Fisher vs. Bergen.		
4214	Young vs. Vernon.		

Part II.—Held by Allen, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
3968	King vs. Bennett.	4138	Sauer vs. Richter.
4140	Underhill vs. Roach.	4084	Hartung vs. Gentil.
4148	Same vs. Same.	4087	Casey vs. Sexton.
4087	Byrne vs. Jacquet.	4091	Dean vs. Horgan.
—	De Long vs. Tyack.	4116	Walker vs. Hirsch.
—	Simm vs. Lynch.	4027	Wolf vs. Cohen.
—	Shields vs. Lynch.	4128	Phelps vs. Johnson.
3968	Carbery vs. Liverpool.		

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Before Judge Blatchford.

IN BANKRUPTCY—ORDERS FOR PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS.

In the matter of the New-York Mail Steamship Company, upon the petition of the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company the following order was made:

It is ordered that the order heretofore made in the above-entitled matter, restraining the payment of the dividend herein, is so far modified as to allow the assignees of the said New-York Mail Steamship Company and the Receiver to take such proceedings to pay and to pay such dividend to those of the creditors of the said Company whose claims are undisputed. And it is further ordered that the Receiver in charge of the matter of the said bankrupt and the said assignees take such proceedings as may be necessary for the above purpose.

Goodrich & Whiteley, attorneys for the petitioning creditor.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Judge Barnard.

SUBMISSION TO TAKE TESTIMONY—DEFAS.

The Atlas Bank vs. Butler.—This was a motion on the part of the plaintiff for a commission, without a stay of proceedings. It was opposed on the ground that the plaintiff had been negligent in not having applied sooner for a commission, the action having been commenced in June, 1868, and joined issue before E. R. Peaslee, Esq., the referee herein.

The Court held that a commission, without a stay of proceedings, is allowed almost as a matter of course, and that the case must be a very peculiar one of facts which would prevent the issuing of such commission; that mere negligence on the part of the plaintiff would not prevent it.

Goodrich & Whiteley for plaintiffs; Cox & Bailey for defendants.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 7, 1869.

FIRST BOARD—10½ A. M.

$6,000 U. S. 5s, '81, C.	112	200 Michigan Mining.	3
10,000 do.	112½	100 Wells, Fargo Ex.	118½
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	112½	40 Am. M. U. Ex.	59
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, reg.	112½	100 N. Y. Cen. & H. R. R.	96
30,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67, reg.	113	10,000 N. Y. Cen. & H. R. Conv. cal.	91½
25,000 do.	113½	10,000 do.	91½
10,000 do.	113½	10,000 do.	91½
5,000 Tenn. 6s, old	64½	100 Erie	27
10,000 do.	64½	100 do.	27
4,000 do.	64½	100 Reading	98½
1,000 N. C. 6s	41	200 do.	98½
4,000 do.	41½	200 Lake S. & M. S.	93
72,000 U. S. 6s, '81	115	100 Pitts., Ft. W. & C.	98½
10,000 do.	115½	200 do.	98½
21,000 Mo. 6s, c.	79	200 do.	98½
1,000 Pan. RR. Guar.	97	100 Ft. W. & W.	86½
1,000 do.	97	100 Chi. & N. W.	74½
11,000 Cen. Pac. 6s, gold	91½	8 do.	74½
6,000 do.	91½	100 do.	74½
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 6s	90	100 do. bot. cal.	74½
1,000 Del., L. & W. 7s	102½	200 do.	75
5,000 Tol., A. & N. Gr.	70	200 do.	75½
1,000 do.	70	100 do.	75½
10,000 Alton & T. H. Income	70½	100 do.	75½
1,000 Ill. Cent. 8s	102	100 do.	75½
2,000 Morris & Ess. 1st	95½	100 do.	60½
10,000 Erie, P. & C. 1st	70	100 do.	60½
2,000 P., F. W. & C. 2d	52	100 Chi. & R. I.	107½
1,000 M. & St. P. 1st	90	200 do.	107½
2,000 Tol., P. & W. 1st	77	200 do. bot. cal.	107½
1,000 do.	77	100 Mil. & St. P.	71½
3,000 Chi. & Mil. 1st	90	200 do.	71½
10 Ninth Nat. Bank	112½	100 do.	71½
60 Nassau Bank	205	200 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	80
100 Cent. Nat. Bank	100	100 do.	80
200 West. U. Tel.	34½	100 do. bot. cal.	80½
200 do. bot. call	34½	130 P., Ft. W. & Chi. Guar.	86½
100 do.	34½	100 do.	86½
100 Quick. M. Co.	18	100 do.	87
100 do.	18½	13 do.	87
100 Pan. R. S. & Co.	40½	100 Ohio & Miss.	31½
45 do.	40½	200 Chi. & Alton	141½
1200 do.	40½	100 do. bot. cal.	141½
100 do.	40½	100 do.	142
100 do. bot. cal.	40½	100 Del., L. & W.	102½
100 do. bot. call	40½	12 N. J. Central	99
100 do.	40½	102 Ill. & St. Jos. Jr.	108½
200 Pacific Mail	34½	100 Mar. & Cin. 1st Pf.	31

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$2,000 Tenn. 6s, old	64½	1000 L. S. & M. S.	86½
5,000 do.	64½	600 do. bot. call	86½
15,000 do.	64½	200 Chic. & N. W.	76½
10,000 do.	64½	100 do.	76½
10,000 do.	64½	200 do. bot. cal	75½
10,000 N. Car. 6s, o.	42½	700 Chic. & N. W. Pf	89
10,000 do.	42½	10 do.	89
5,000 La. 6s, Ext. R.	60½	700 Chi. & R. I.	107½
1,000 Chi. & N. W. S. F. Bds.	89	200 do.	107½
1,000 Del., L. & I. C.	74½	100 Mil. & St. P.	71½
4,000 C. & N. W. con. sinking fund	77½	100 do.	71½
4,000 Ill. & So. R. 1st	90½	200 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	80
100 Quick. Min. Co.	18½	100 do.	80½
200 do.	18	100 do.	80½
200 do. bot. call	18½	100 do.	80½
15 Pacific Mail	34½	100 Del., L. & W. R.	102½
100 Kansas Pf.	13½	100 do.	102½
100 Cam. Coal Pf.	26	100 Tol., W. & W.	86½
20 Wells, Far. Ex.	118½	100 N. J. Cen.	99½
10 do.	118½	100 do.	99½
100 do.	118½	100 do.	99½
100 A. M. U. Ex.	59½	100 do.	99½
200 do. bot. call	59	100 do.	99½
500 U. S. 6s, '81	115	100 Pitts., Ft. W. & C. Guar.	87
25 do.	115	100 do.	87
100 do. bot.	115	100 do.	87½
300 Adams Ex. b. d.	59	112 Chic. & Alt.	142
11,000 N. Y. Cen. & H. R. R. Certification	93	50 Chi. & Alt. Pf.	142½
110 Erie	27½	200 do.	142½
200 do.	27	200 Han. & St. J.	103½
200 Harlem R.	124	100 do.	103½
200 do.	124	100 Chi. C. & Ind C.	22½
200 do.	124	100 Ill. & So. R. Pf.	93½
400 do.	124	14 C. C., Cin. & Ind.	74½
600 Reading	99½		

NEW NATIONAL BOARD—NOON.

$20,000 Amer. Gold	132½	100 G. & N. W. R.	73½
20,000 Cumb. Co.	93	100 do.	73½
100 do.	93½	100 do.	73½
100 W. U. Tel.	34½	100 Erie	27½
100 Pacific Mail	35½	100 do.	27
200 Reading R.	99½	100 do.	27
100 do.	99½	100 U. P. R.	79
100 L. S. & M. So.	86½	500 do.	79

TUESDAY, Dec. 7—P. M.

The Public Documents from Washington this morning were much discussed in Wall-street. The views of the Secretary of the Treasury were especially criticised, and generally commended so far as they remove all anxiety or uncertainty in regard to early Specie payments. They clearly establish that no measure of the sort is to be attempted. On the important point of refunding the Public Debt at a lower rate of interest opinions differ as to its early practicability, although we have reason to suppose that the programme of the Secretary, so cordially indorsed by the President, of a 4½ ₱ cent. Loan, in a Foreign form if need be, to secure the exchange of the large sums of United States 5-20s owned in Germany and England, has been confidentially discussed abroad, if not directly encouraged by overtures made to the Administration at Washington. But without regard to such encouragement, we deem it quite certain that the Administration will pursue the policy of reducing the principal, and holding out every other reasonable inducement to make the success of a 4½ ₱ cent. Loan practicable.

The Secretary proposes to place at least twelve hundred millions of the Public Debt on 4½ ₱ cent. Gold Interest during the four years' term of General GRANT, and to pay off $400,000,000 additional through the Sinking Fund—the interest on the whole of this Fund to be continued and compounded at the rate borne by the Bonds when purchased. These arrangements entirely dispose of the present United States 5-20 years 6 ₱ cent. loans. Assuming one-half to be held in Europe—say $600,000,000—and that at least one-half of this amount can be exchanged directly for the new 4½ ₱ cent. Bonds, the following would be the distribution of the latter:

Absorbed by Sinking Fund	$400,000,000
In the Banking Department	600,000,000
By American holders generally	400,000,000
Total	$1,600,000,000

We place the amount to be employed in the Banking Department higher than at present, in view of the great probability that the National Banking System is to be made free and elastic in respect to Circulation, and that the basis of issue on the new Stock will not exceed 90 cents on the dollar, or four hundred millions of Circulation upon security of five hundred millions of United States 4½ ₱ cents. Of the sum of three hundred millions assigned to American or Domestic holders generally, we believe it may be assumed that full two-thirds the amount will be wanted by Savings Banks and Insurance Companies and for other trust funds, leaving the inconsiderable proportion of only one hundred millions for private investors. The latter, however, will of course continue to hold on to their long 6 ₱ cent. Stock of 1881, and to some extent to their 5 ₱ cent. 10-40s.

Neither the refunding of $1,200,000,000 nor the purchases of $400,000,000 are to be abrupt or very rapid. Assuming the negotiation of a Foreign Loan at 4½ ₱ cent. for a large proportion of the $1,600,000,000, at the equivalent of par in Gold, the present 6 ₱ cents 5-20s could not be called in and paid off in Gold except in the following proportions:

At any time the 6-20s of 1862	$14,771,000
At any time the 6-20s of 1864	128,445,000
After July 1, 1870, 5-20s of 1865	227,889,000
After Nov. 1, 1870, 5-20s of 1866	202,227,000
After July 1, 1871, 5-20s of 1867	279,880,000
After July 1, 1872, 5-20s of 1868	62,000,000
Total	$1,022,679,000

The purchases for the Sinking Fund are expected to be in the following proportions:

March 4 to June 30, 1869	$80,000,000
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1870	112,000,000
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1871	102,000,000
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1872	80,000,000
Fiscal year ending June 30, 1873	20,679,000
Total	$402,679,000
Leaving for refunding	1,200,000,000
Total as above	$1,602,679,000

The available surplus Gold derived from Customs and from the accumulations of the Sinking Fund for the purchase of United States 6-20s as above may be reckoned as follows:

Owed by Treasury, March 4	$64,000,000
Owed by Treasury, June 30	60,000,000
Four years' Customs to June 30, '73	125,000,000
Four years' Gold Int. on 5-20s, June 30	80,000,000
Together	$329,000,000
Less 1 year's int. 4 months' Gold Int.	80,000,000
Estimated Gold surplus for 4 years	$249,000,000

The effect of the Secretary's Report on the Gold Market, if anything, was to steady the sales in the Forenoon, at 132¾ ₱ cent., and the average bidding for the $1,000,000 at the Treasury Office at noon was rather below this point; although the offers to buy accumulated, in the room, to $4,667,000. After the following awards of the $1,000,000 were made, a report came from Washington of one of the first installments of Sensational Bills or Resolution on the subject of Finance and Currency, moved in the House of Representatives by Mr. INGERSOLL, of Illinois, to the purport that the Secretary should sell no more Gold. The matter was referred to the appropriate Committee, but upon the strength of such a motion the Gold Room advanced the price from 132¾ to 133¼ ₱ cent. Later in the day the quotation was 133¼@¼ ₱ cent.

AWARDS OF GOLD, DEC. 7.

R. Belle		Boomer, Graves & Co.	
$10,000	132.80	$20,000	132.80
10,000	132.78	Grinnell & Norton.	
10,000	132.75	100,000	132.80
10,000	132.74	100,000	132.87
10,000	132.75	100,000	132.88
S. D. Davis.		100,000	132.81
5,000	132.70	Roosevelt & Son.	
Kennedy, Hutchinson & Co.		20,000	132.88
20,000	132.78	20,000	132.79
20,000	132.80	W. P. Hatch & Son.	
White, Morris & Co.		20,000	132.78
25,000	132.70	Robinson, Cox & Co.	
H. Clews & Co.		40,000	132.70
100,000	132.71	Hamilton & Co.	
T. Reid & Co.		20,000	132.68
10,000	132.70	John Fendir.	
J. Bowman.		25,000	132.67
5,000	132.69	Frank & Gerst.	
		25,000	132.67
Total		$1,000,000	

It is singular, after the experience of the past three or four years, that certain opinions on the continued ability of the Treasury to sell Gold should seem to halt on the question when there is really the least cause for it. We hear intelligent business men, bright and hopeful on almost every other subject, question the policy because of the supposed want of ability of the Secretary to continue his free sales of Gold. Some of them even predict or fear that he may have to buy Gold himself to pay Gold Interest, if he don't stop his sales. Such views, in ignorance, perhaps, or thoughtfulness of the facts, assume that the Gold resources of the Treasury are rapidly running down, whereas they were as ample on the first of December as on the fourth of March, after the free sales of Secretary BOUTWELL, and his purchases of $75,000,000 of United States 5-20s with the proceeds. Before the Gold sale of Friday last he held in the ownership of the Government over seventy millions in Gold. He sold on that day $1,000,000; to-day another $1,000,000, and in all December will sell $9,000,000 more. Against these sales, his receipts for Customs for the month will be about $12,000,000. He owed on the first of December $8,000,000 on over-due Coupons and Registered Interest, not called for or presented for payment. Of this sum about $6,000,000 will probably be presented in December. He will go into the New Year with about $65,000,000 in the ownership of the Government. He will add to this about $16,000,000 for January Customs, and pay out, on Gold Interest, actually demanded, about $36,000,000 of the $31,000,000 due in that month, and he will be able to sell $10,000,000 in January without reducing the balance to be carried into February below $45,000,000, with no Gold Interest to pay in that month. He can supplement his sales $10,000,000 in each of the months of February, March and April, and so into the month of May, with about $60,000,000 in the ownership of the Government. We have not the slightest belief that the Republican majority in either House of Congress will interfere with the sales of Gold and the continued purchases of the Public Debt in exchange, whatever experimental Resolutions or Bills may be moved to the contrary.

The Foreign Exchanges again dropped off ¼@½ ₱ cent. on the actual sales for the Cunarders to-morrow. London, 60 days, was done at 108½@¾, and Paris 5.20¾. to the dollar. The sight rates were on London 109@109½, and Paris 5.17½@5.16½. to the dollar.

Money was in steady supply at 6@7 ₱ cent. to the Brokers on call, and 8@10 ₱ cent. on very prime Merchant and Bankers' paper at 60@90 days; fair names go at 12@14 ₱ cent.

The Public Funds were again very strong, and the orders to buy came from Domestic as well as Foreign sources to-day, while the supply of Stock at the advance was less free than yesterday. The 5-20s of 1867 were 116 ₱ cent.; the 1862s, 115¼; the long 6 ₱ cents of 1881, 118¾ ₱ cent. The Currency 6 ₱ cents loaned to the Pacific Roads show an improving demand at 107½@108 ₱ cent. and accrued interest. The belief prevails that the European markets will continue to absorb our 5-20 Bonds until nearly the whole issues of 1865 and 1867 are cleared out, as most of the 1862s have long since been tranferred to Foreign holders; and in this view of the prospective demand much higher prices for the 1865s and 1867s are not improbable before the payment of the January coupon. The long 6 ₱ cents of 1881 are also stiff on the Secretary's policy of refunding the 5-20s and the close approach to the January coupon. The Treasury Office will to-morrow purchase $3,000,000 of United States 5-20s for the Sinking Fund.

In other departments of the Stock Exchange there was a further recovery of 3 ₱ cent. in new Tennessee Bonds, sales at the Second Board as high as 64¾@64¾ ₱ cent. The other Southern Bonds steady. The New-York and Western Railways opened steady, and soon after became firm, and at and after the late Boards there was positive buoyancy on some of the Western Stocks, and a prevailing confident speculation and pretty large transactions. The Street being relieved of the idle discussions about early Specie payments, and of the hesitation which they had caused on the part of timid speculators, attention is now turned to the Winter traffic and generally sound finances of the Western Roads, and the comparatively cheap ruling of the Vanderbilt New-York Roads and of Reading.

After the late Boards the following quotations were made as compared with Monday night. Gold was firm at 132¾@132¾ ₱ cent.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS, DEC. 7.

	Monday.	Tuesday.
United States 10-40s	103	103¼
United States 6-20s of 1862	115¾	115¾
United States 5-20s

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, 1869.

Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st. and Irving-place.
IL TROVATORE (Italian Opera). Leading characters by Mme. Brivi, Messrs. Lefranc and Reyna.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
23d-st. and 6th-av.
THE HUGUENOTS. (English Opera.) Characters by Messrs. Drayton, Haigh, Mrs. C. E. Bernard.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
KING HENRY IV. Leading characters by Messrs. Hackett, Walter, Hamilton and Miss Fanny Morant.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway and 13th-st.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The London journals, or some of them, published President GRANT's message yesterday morning, and the *Pall Mall Gazette*, in its comments on that part which speaks of the *Alabama* claims, says the Americans are willing to accept an apology in lieu of damages, but England can do no more than she has done. It refers to the honors paid to the memory of GEORGE PEABODY as likely to soothe American irritation. It regards the Message as friendly, and thinks the suggestion about reopening negotiations one that Englishmen will approve. The *Monarch* will deal with the late Mr. PEABODY's remains on the 12th inst. A delegation of Manchester merchants were recently assured by the Viceroy of Egypt that he is making preparations to extensively increase the cotton crop of Egypt. A company is forming in England to extend telegraphic communication to China and Australia by way of India. Another animated scene occurred yesterday in the French Corps Legislatif, arising from an attempt to defend the *coup d'état* of 1851. The *Moniteur* says that all the Ministers on Monday tendered their resignations at an extraordinary meeting of the Council. The proprietors of *Le Rappel*, a Paris journal, have been prosecuted for a malicious article on CHARLES HUGO. The French Envoy at Annam, it is said, has asked the cession to France of the district occupied by the French in that country. The Austrian Government has asked the consent of the European Powers to the transit of her troops across Turkish territory to suppress the Dalmatian revolt. A Paris dispatch says it has been made entirely clear to the Austrian Government that Prussia, meaning, probably, Russia, has secretly participated in the revolt.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, of the bills introduced, the most important were those to amend the Civil Rights bill; to amend the Banking act, and to provide for a return to specie payments, introduced by Mr. SUMNER, who cited seven reasons in support of his theories; to reorganize the Medical, Pay and Engineers' Corps of the army, fixing their rank and uniform; to amend the Homestead bill, requiring the planting of trees on the reservations; and by Mr. TRUMBULL, for the relief of members of Congress and heads of Departments from the importunities of office-seekers, making it a penal offence for Congressmen to assist applicants for office, allowing them only to give information when requested to do so, in writing by those holding the appointing power. Mr. TRUMBULL made a speech strongly advocating the provisions of his bill, and pointing out the good which would accrue to the civil service by its passage. He was followed by Mr. DAVIS and Mr. YATES, who favored the bill; the former animadverted in no measured terms upon the course pursued by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in endeavoring, as he said, to supplant an honest Government official in the Lexington, Ky., District. The bill was laid on the table temporarily with others, and ordered to be printed. During the session Mr. MORRIS offered a joint resolution providing for the admission of Virginia, and a protest against the admission of the recently elected members of that State to their seats, indorsed by the Republican Convention of Virginia, was brought to the attention of the Senate by Vice-President COLFAX.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, immediately after the reading of the Journal, for the purpose of distributing the President's Message among the various Committees. The usual resolution West Point, and adopted, after some discussion, as to the proper reference of the portions in regard to the patent in goods and trading and the clause on the Inter-oceanic Canal. Finally, the former was referred to the Ways and Means Committee, and the latter to that on Commerce. Among the important bills introduced was one by Mr. BUTLER, to repeal the Tenure-of-Office act, in accordance with the suggestions in the Message; by Mr. HILL to abolish the franking privilege; by Mr. WILLIAMS to repeal the duty on salt, tea, coffee and on printing and writing paper; by Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN to establish a uniform system of naturalization; by Mr. WOOD to prevent members of Congress from accepting or holding positions of trust under the President, and a bill to prohibit the sale of coin by the Government. A bill was reported from the Committee on Patents, providing for an extension for a term of seven years, of HOE's printing press patent, which was laid on the table after some debate, without a division of the House. Four members from Alabama presented their credentials, on a favorable report from the Committee, and were sworn in and took their seats. The credentials of two Virginia members were referred back to the Committee. Pending a discussion in regard to the question of drawing for seats, on a resolution that members should retain them for all the sessions of a Congress, the House at 2:20 adjourned.

GENERAL.

The storm of Monday night extended over the whole of the Eastern States, causing much inconvenience from interruption to travel and the mails. At Albany dispatch says the canals are practically closed, and 115 boats are frozen in between West Troy and Spuyker's Basin, one-half loaded with grain and one-half with lumber. Several disasters from the prevailing high winds of the past few days are reported from various points on the coast.

The California Legislature met on the 6th inst., and postponed the swearing in of new members to the following day.

The State law of California denying to Chinese the right to testify in the Courts, has just been declared to conflict with the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States by a Police Justice in San Francisco, who has rigidly acted under it.

An effort is to be made by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to induce Congress to forbid the importation of liquors into Alaska or to grant the privilege to all; it being said that the trade is now monopolized by the sutlers of the United States Army.

A bill was introduced into the Alabama Legislature to divide the State into four Judicial Districts, Court to be held twice a year by the Circuit Judges of the different districts, similar to the Circuit system of the United States.

The reported complicity of the Hudson's Bay Company in the Red River difficulty is denied in a dispatch from Chicago to-day.

The quartz miners of the Columbia Mining Company, at Unionville, Montana Territory, have struck on account of a reduction in wages. The strikers drove the men employed in their places, and five of them, when arrested by the Sheriff, were rescued by their friends. Yesterday all the miners in the district struck, and have armed themselves against the Sheriff.

From the latest returns from Texas, the conclusion seems to be legitimate that HAMILTON has been chosen Governor of the State.

At a stated meeting of the New-York Historical Society, last evening, at their library, a paper "On the Discovery of Massachusetts Bay" was read by Rev. B. F. DE COSTA, of this City, and general business transacted by the Society.

Municipal elections were held in several cities of Massachusetts on the 6th inst.

The building of the Commercial Exchange Association, in Philadelphia, erected on the site of the old Penn Mansion, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon, from the fall of a large chandelier, and the escape and ignition of a great volume of gas. The building cost $250,000. Many persons in the building at the time the fire began narrowly escaped death, some of them by jumping from the second story window.

The Supreme Court yesterday decided, in the case of FARRINGTON against SAUNDERS, in appeal from the West Tennessee Circuit Court, that the tax imposed on cotton by the Revenue law of 1866 is unconstitutional, on the ground that it is a direct tax without apportionment, and a tax on State exportations.

A block of stone buildings in Waukesha, Wis., was burned on Monday night. The loss is $20,000.

LOCAL.

The Charter elections yesterday passed off quietly, the Tammany candidates generally being elected. The "repeaters" were in full force, and very busy in each district.

A Democratic candidate for Alderman, BARTHOLOMEW DOROUS, fired upon the notorious PETER F. BURKE, in a liquor store corner of Ninth-avenue and Twenty-seventh-street, at an early hour yesterday morning, and wounded him slightly. DOROUS was arrested and brought before Justice DODGE, by whom he was discharged, the wounded man refusing to appear against him.

The great snow storm of Monday caused serious detentions on some of the railroads, and interfered seriously with navigation on the rivers and along the coast. Several serious disasters at sea are reported.

The Plea for a Subsidized Carrying Trade.

The only fault we find with the recent report—excellent in most respects—from the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce is, that it does not distinctly point out what it is in the state of our commerce that is so to be regretted. That the general condition of our commerce is bad, is very clear, and that certain things ought to be done to revive it is also clear, but as we are not likely to get them all done, would it not be well to fix on one or two as of paramount importance and urge these on the attention of Congress? The resumption of the practice of granting subsidies to steamship lines, for instance, which the report recommends, seems to us likely, in the present condition of legislation at Washington, to launch us on an ocean of corruption of which nobody can see the limits. Subsidies, when accompanied by rigid inspection and the remorseless exaction of certain conditions, as to speed, safety, regularity and discipline, would simply be a fresh means of debauching both Congressmen and capitalists; and who that remembers the history of the Collins line, or knows anything of the way in which the supervisory functions of our Government are exercised, would expect anything of the kind? The subsidy system once begun, there would be no end to it. We should have a steamboat lobby added to the other lobbies, and we may be sure it would be by no means the most modest or scrupulous. Every Winter we should hear that this line or that line of magnificent American boats had been running at a loss; that unless Congress would agree to add a third or a fourth to the grant of the previous year, it would have to be abandoned to the foreigner. We may be sure, too, that as long as there was a fair chance of getting an increase whenever it was needed by pressure on Congress, no great pains would be taken in the matter of economy, or punctuality, or safety, to make the line pay. The great difference between our Government and those of Europe in these matters is that the latter are inexorable and act on a well settled policy, and have on these affairs fixed views of their own, independent of those of capitalists or undertakers. Our Government, if it did anything in the matter at all, would do what the parties most interested recommended to the Committee on Ways and Means, or on Appropriations.

The donations of land to railroads, to which the report refers, do not offer an exact parallel, or indeed anything like a parallel, to Government grants to steamship lines. Subsidies to steamship lines are called for, not for the purpose of establishing communication with places to which we have now no means of access, but for the purpose of giving employment to a certain number of persons, as shipbuilders, sailors, firemen and stevedores. Grants to railroads, however, are not made with the view of encouraging car builders and conductors and brakemen, but for the purpose of helping to open up public highways in portions of our territory where they do not exist and are sorely needed, and where nobody would make them if the Government did not help in the work. The road from Washington to San Francisco, for instance, is literally a public highway, such as Governments usually make entirely at the public expense, and which our Government is very lucky,—luckier than any other Government ever was,—in getting private individuals to assume part of the burden of making. The route to Liverpool or Havre stands in a totally different category. It is not on our soil, or between two points of our territory, and accommodation on it for passengers and goods already exists, and is as good as we could make it and cheaper than we could make it. Unless a subsidy in aid of the establishment of American steamers on it would, therefore, in some way help the national industry, or promote the national welfare, it would be a luxury pure and simple, and a luxury to be enjoyed only by that infinitesimally small number of American citizens who every year cross the ocean. The cases in which European Powers still subsidize steamboat lines really resemble closely the cases in which we subsidize railroads. They subsidize them for the purpose of establishing lines of communication for mails and passengers, which would not otherwise exist, and often between different points of their own territory. This is true of the Australian Lloyds, and the French Messageries in the Mediterranean. It is true also of the British Peninsular and Oriental line, which furnishes the highway between England and her Indian Empire, and of the West Indian line, which furnishes the way between England and her West Indian possessions and her great commercial colonies in South America; and it has been true of her lines to this country, although it is rapidly ceasing to be so, and there is no likelihood that the Cunard line will receive any aid after the expiration of the present contract. Our circumstances are totally different. We have no outlying territory, and no communications to be kept up with foreign countries, which foreigners do not keep up for us just as well as we could possibly keep them up ourselves, and without costing us anything.

There is no denying that the carrying trade is a desirable thing to have, if we can make money by it, as we once did, or if it employs thousands of our sailors, on a sound and substantial commercial basis, as it once did. A carrying trade which is the result of private enterprise, pluck, energy, prudence and economy is an invaluable national possession. No business produces better effects on national character, does more to enlarge and liberalize national ideas, and to open up new channels for national enterprise. It calls into existence, too, an excellent breed of men, and keeps them ready to our hand for the repulse of foreign aggression. But if it is a forced hothouse affair, carried on by a few dependents on Government bounty, who are never able to make ends meet, and do not even try, and pass half their year in Washington intrigues, instead of attending to their ships, it can never do us any good, any more than a dry goods business or a railroad business carried on under the same circumstances. We suppose no business man would think the nation gained much by the maintenance for an indefinite period, by the help of Government appropriations, of a few retail stores which never paid their expenses, and were conducted simply for the glory of the thing, and with the view of making an impression on strangers when they came to the City.

Luckily, however, we are not in the least danger of being driven to the necessity of subsidizing in order to get back the carrying trade, and a very large share of it, too; and after we have got it, keeping it. We have only to put our shipbuilders and sailors on a level with foreigners—that is, give them a fair start—and they will then do the work themselves. If we let our shipbuilders have the materials of their trade at the same rate as foreigners have them, they will put craft afloat which cannot only compete with the ships of other nations, but will have over them whatever advantage is given by American energy and ingenuity; and competition of this kind—healthy, undoctored competition—is sure to exercise a bracing and invigorating enterprise on the national industry. Or if sailors be what we most want, we have only to give our shipowners the permission enjoyed by the French and English shipowners, to buy their ships where they can get them cheapest, and we shall soon have a mercantile marine which we may be sure, as far as the men and the manning are concerned, will give us something to boast of. There is, undoubtedly, not as much matter for national pride in a ship built abroad, though manned and owned by Americans, as in one built at home, and owned and manned by Americans; but we maintain there is far more matter for national pride in the spectacle of a ship, no matter where built, carrying the national flag and sailed by American seamen, paying her expenses out of the profits of her voyage, than a home-built ship kept afloat year after year by charitable contributions from the rest of the public.

We trust, therefore, that the question of subsidies will be laid aside, as simply a great fountain of corruption, and that our shipowners will press for simple fair play for our shipbuilders and sailors. There is not any money in this for politicians, but there is in it what is the sweetest sight American eyes ever look on, and that is a fair field for courage, tenacity and energy.

The Case of Georgia.

The understood readiness of Congress to respond practically to the suggestion of the President, and to convert the reconstruction of Georgia from a sham into a verity, is denounced as a wanton, causeless outrage. "Let the State Legislature have a chance of re-seating the expelled colored members and ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment," say the objectors,—who thus assume the willingness of the dominant party to undo the wrong they have committed. But for this assumption there is no pretext. Indeed, all the known facts indicate a settled determination, on the part of the Democracy of the State, to maintain their old attitude. They will not readmit the expelled members; they will not obey the local organic law, as interpreted by the highest State Court; they will not carry out in good faith the conditions of reconstruction, nor afford the guarantees of right and order which are properly required. The few Democratic editors who ventured to urge another course found their recommendations scouted by a majority, who care for nothing but mastery, and whose defiant attitude is the best evidence of the folly of all further attempts at persuasion and amendment, while they retain power to resist.

The truth is, that General MEADE's misplaced forbearance in allowing members to take their seats notwithstanding their inability to comply with the terms of law, was misinterpreted by those concerned, and by the Democracy generally. They imagined that having been thus allowed to acquire legislative power, they might abuse it with impunity. The expulsion of legally-elected colored members was the first manifestation of a spirit which will be satisfied with nothing less than the overthrow of all that is substantial in reconstruction, and the restoration of a rule characterized by hostility to Republicans, and the conditions on which alone reconstruction can endure.

Under these circumstances but one alternative is before Congress. It must tacitly acquiesce in the bad faith of the Georgia Legislature and the treacherous tactics of the Georgia Democracy, or it must vindicate the terms of law, rectify the wrong that has been perpetrated, and exact guarantees against the recurrence of incidents which have their origin in deep-seated hostility to the authority and purposes of the National Government. The President has watched the progress of events with commendable patience, but he has decided at last, and his decision is in the Message. Congress cannot afford to trifle with the matter, or by delay to leave Georgia in doubt as to the feeling of the country in regard to the fraud and duplicity practiced by that State. The remedy, to be just, should be prompt and effectual.

Ocean Cables.

While ocean telegraphy was a mere experiment, whose history was only one of repeated and costly failure, it seemed to matter very little what regulations and restrictions States or individuals might impose upon it. But it becomes quite otherwise, now that it is sure that soon, under all oceans, networks of the electric wire will be spread as easily and abundantly as upon the land. We must look ahead more cautiously, and fix the international laws and usages that shall prevail respecting them. It is this consideration that General GRANT has presented in his Message.

Did we believe, with "Historicus," that there is no use in attempting to remove any element of peaceful commerce from the pale of war, we should admit the impossibility of trying to conclude a convention such as the President proposes. But we do not believe in the view of that publicist; we hold rather to the idea expressed by Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON, that the day will come when the old theory of wanton devastation of private property, even of that which does no good to the enemy as a Power, will be abandoned by general consent. Take, for example, the case of some of the whalers ruined by SEWARDS during the war. Not a few of them had sailed away from their coastwise homes long before war was declared; they had pursued their hardy trade with no care or interest for North or South; on their return, they had the ill luck to come across the track of the privateer, and their little hard-earned fortunes were given to the torch. "Historicus" says that no such incendiarism can be put down by international agreement; we believe, for the honor of civilization, that it can.

This present convention, for example, which General GRANT proposes for the security of cable lines, in time of peace or war, against willful or wanton destruction or injury, seems to us as practicable as it is obviously desirable. These wires, it is true, can be used for the transmission of hostile intelligence in time of war; but the chances are that they will be equally beneficial, despite all precautions, to both belligerents. If the use of one ocean wire is shut off, that of another will remain open. Under the most peaceful guise of "Buy wheat" or "See A. B. at Paris," all sorts of contraband news will pass. It is folly to regard an ocean cable as exclusively the weapon of one Power, even though, as with the British line from Valentia to Heart's Content, that Power may land both ends on its own territory. And, on the other hand, the incalculable crippling of commerce that would result from cutting these wires, and the ruin of all schemes of ocean telegraphy—since men would as soon throw their money outright to the bottom of the sea as to sink it there in cables—make it imperative to do just what the President proposes, namely, to declare such vandalism an act of piracy, and so piracy to punish it.

There is a second feature in the proposed treaty which merits attention, namely, its suggestion that hereafter no exclusive concessions shall be made without the joint action of both Governments whose shores are to be connected, and that no governmental scrutiny of messages shall be enforced by the Power controlling either end of the cable. In making this recommendation, General GRANT stays himself with the commercial interests of the world, whose policy it is to relieve the conduits of commercial newsend orders from the interference of political Powers. So far as concerns the demand for mutuality in concessions, it would seem to be founded on absolute equity; but the recent conduct of France in giving the French line a concession which excludes the capital and the citizens of the United States from competition, shows that this demand is needed. It is with much spirit that the President says, on this point, "I recommend legislation to protect the rights of citizens of the United States as well as the dignity and sovereignty of the nation against such an assumption." We incline to think that Congress will give this matter a very prompt and decided settlement.

Government and the Importers.

There have been within the last three years three legal contests of great importance in this City between the Government and importers, the last of which was brought to a close in the United States District Court on Saturday, and resulted as each of the others had, in the failure of the jury to agree upon a verdict. All three of the trials involved the same question—whether the importers had fraudulently undervalued their goods on entering them at the Custom House. The first case concerned the importers of champagne, the second the importers of sherry wines, and this last the importers of ribbons; the amounts directly and indirectly involved being in every case very large. The cases were all the result of a plan, which was put in operation some years ago by the Treasury Department, viz., the dispatching of agents abroad to gain information in regard to the business of the importers. They have consequently all had some common features. The agent, Mr. FARWELL, endeavored to put himself in communication with the various merchants in order to learn from them what their real prices were for their goods. In some cases he treated with them directly, under an assumed name, representing himself as a merchant proposing to deal for some other market than our own, and in other cases he wrote letters to them under an assumed name. In each of these cases he testified that prices were given him which were claimed to be higher than the values at which the goods were invoiced to this country, and on the strength of his information these suits were commenced. The evidence which he furnished was in each case enough to save the Government from entire defeat, but it was not strong enough to give it a complete victory.

There are some circumstances about the cases which go far to account for their result, or lack of result, rather. In the first place, the amounts involved have been very large, and it is not to be expected that juries of ordinary human nature would be as ready to inflict such heavy forfeitures as if they were lighter. Jurymen cannot be expected to be insensible to the fact that the Government would feel the loss of the expected forfeiture far less than the merchant would the loss of his goods. The sympathies of the jury in a case of forfeiture are more apt to be with the owner of the property.

Nor are these sympathies weakened by the fact that the main testimony in the case to sustain the claim of forfeiture comes from informers, who are to share in the proceeds of the forfeiture. The evidence of informers is always weak, and it must be still more so where it appears that they had assumed false characters and written under assumed names. With all these elements of weakness in the Government's case, and with the evidence which the claimants were able to furnish, tending to show that the values which they had put upon their goods represented their actual cost to them, with a fair profit, it is certainly not a thing to be wondered at that some of the twelve men in each case declined to believe the story of the Government's witnesses.

We are, however, far from thinking that these proceedings, even with the result which they have had, have been unprofitable to the Government. If Government would save itself from constant frauds on the revenue, it must show itself not only stringent in the enforcement of the penalties of the law, but watchful to detect all infringements of it. Dishonesty is always watching to discover ways of evading the law. The officers of the law must bring shrewdness as well as honesty into exercise in enforcing it.

The effect of such seizures as these could hardly fail to deter dishonest importers from evasion of the law, for, as it is, the parties concerned have suffered heavy loss—enough to make them careful in future about putting higher prices upon their goods than they put in their invoices. The officers of the Government, perhaps, will see also the importance of placing themselves, if possible, on firmer ground than one of false names and decoy letters.

Storms, and How to Meet Them.

The fierce gale and snow storm with which Winter set in, on Monday, has already been made the subject of many meteorological statistics, whose only fault is that they come a day too late for warning or practical use. With the loss of life and property that accompanies these larger tempests, not only on the seashore but on the great lakes, is it not surprising that so little has ever been done in the science of storms, in the way of prediction and warning? With the telegraph outrunning storms by hours and sometimes days, it is only of late, comparatively, that we have received accurate weather reports, and even these are usually so meagre that little practical advantage is taken of them by the public in general. On the other hand, if, instead of learning barely the fact that a storm is raging in any place, we were in the habit of getting news when the storm began, how it began, and so on, we should know not only that it was coming, but could calculate its probable duration. But how rarely do we learn from a city which had made all haste to telegraph that it was having a storm, the fact that the storm has already passed this city is one of the main points we want to know, in order to make our preparations.

Now, in England and France, a system of telegraphic precautions against storms has been carried already to considerable perfection, especially by Captain FITZ-ROY in the former country, and by LE VERRIER in the latter. One remarkable example of the use of this system is related as happening six years ago, on the 2d of December. That day the Paris Observatory telegraphed to Toulon, Marseilles and other cities, that a severe storm was coming, with certain particulars for precaution. In Toulon, this dispatch was at once posted up everywhere, and the merchant vessels in the roadstead provided instantly against it, while the maritime prefecture directed all officers who were on shore to hasten on board their vessels. The heavens showed then no sign of the great fury of the coming storm, which burst upon the city four hours later. "Thanks to the precautions thus taken," says the official report, "there was no damage, no disaster to deplore." From Turin, (for the warning had been communicated at once to all the ports on the western coast of Italy,) the report was that the storm raged furiously, "but there was no damage done, the commandant of the port having had time to take all proper precautions."

A correspondent of the Chicago *Bureau*, in making the citations already alluded to, asks most pertinently why on the great lakes there should not be established a corps of observation, consisting of a professional meteorologist and competent assistants, located one in 200 or 300 miles, and furnished with extra facilities by telegraph companies for transmitting news and signs of coming storms, with particulars of their velocity, direction and estimated destructive power. Now it happens that some very clear data have been collected regarding the average velocity and direction of storms moving across the continent, in given latitudes or longitudes. Without particularizing these, it is enough to say that they are already sufficient to guide meteorologists to practical results.

Of course, as our contemporary says, there would be many failures and mistakes made, at first, in endeavoring to predict with too great accuracy, and from insufficient or deceptive data; but in the end there would not only be a decided gain to meteorology, but, what is far more important, there would be gains to commerce and humanity. It is only astonishing that, with the wondrous appliance of the telegraph so completely at man's disposal, he has not made a better use of it in averting the disasters which might otherwise be guarded against.

This sort of weather looks very pretty in pictures, but there are several things to which it is not favorable,—among others, to bad complexions and crowded streets. It is very well in its way to have "an old-fashioned" Christmas, but it is no slight inconvenience to have the chief thoroughfares of a great city knee deep in mud and slush for days together—as will certainly be the case soon if the authorities do not bestir themselves. As a general principle, the contractors wait until it is too late to do any good before beginning to work. If they carted the snow off before it melted they would find a great saving to themselves in the end. Let them try that plan for once. They have given the system of "letting things alone" a good chance, and we can't fare much worse under a more active and vigorous one.

Who are the idiots that are amusing themselves by breaking open letter boxes in all parts of the City? We might imagine that these astonishing persons, who are interested in other people's correspondence, are doing the mischief, but for the fact that the letters in the boxes are very seldom taken away. The pillars are broken open "for fun." A very little "fun" tickles some minds, but the man who can be amused by the joke of spoiling a letter box ought to be sent to cultivate a sense of the humorous in some asylum. The lower avenues are generally the scenes of these exploits. If the streets were better lit, all kinds of property, public and private, would be much safer than they are now. But then monopolists of one kind and another would not flourish as they do at present, and consequently we must be contented with the light of a candle, stuck in a dirty lamp, on the top of an iron post.

A writer in *Packard's Monthly* is not satisfied with the conditions under which young journalists are trained to their calling. They are, he says, constantly under orders to reflect opinions which are not their own, and, consequently, their "finest sensibilities are dulled." This sympathy is wasted. Journalists who are willing to write against their convictions are not in so much demand as the writer in *Packard* supposes. No editor voluntarily employs a man who goes to his work unwillingly, especially when there are numbers of willing hands at his command. Writers for the Press are like other people—they can always take their wares to the market which best suits their tastes. It is their own faults if they do unconscient work. The trade of journalism has its drawbacks, perhaps, but it does not compel people to sell their souls as well as their brains.

Medical students in one part of London are to be relieved from the temptation to rifle churchyards for "subjects." The authorities of a large poor house have almost decided upon handing over to the various anatomical schools of the metropolis the bodies of unclaimed dead. The arrangement is that the bodies must be "taken away with due regard to decency, and interred, within a specified period, and with religious rites." No doubt even this proposition will seem revolting to some minds; but unless something of the kind is done, the medical men of the next generation will know nothing about practical anatomy, or they will be driven to learn it from stolen "subjects." Ignorant doctors are evils against which we ought to guard, especially as we have so many of that kind among us now.

The main difficulty of effecting any reforms in the Civil Service, lies in the opposition of politicians and others who want places for their friends. This is the cause of the breakdown in that system of "Consular pupils" from which so much was at one time expected. Every Secretary of State for some years past has seen the necessity of training up men very carefully for the diplomatic service. The "Consular Clerk act" of 1864 seemed to supply the requisite machinery. A correspondent gives us an instance of the manner in which this measure has been violated. The first set of clerks appointed after examination have nearly all been treated badly. One of them was in due time promoted to the post of Consul at Rotterdam, in strict accordance with the intentions of the act in question. He made special studies to fit him for his duties, and passed a rigorous examination. One day he was "removed from his post without cause to make room for a politician who desired a reward." It is impossible to regard this as anything but a gross breach of faith. We treat our really good civil servants worse than any other people in the world, and consequently, as a rule, we only get bad ones. The country is committed to a serious engagement, and then is made to break it, in defiance of justice or reason. Is this too small a subject to deserve the attention of the President and of Secretary FISH?

After all, Spain gravitates toward a Republic. The cable has brought the news that General PRIM "shows a decided leaning in the direction of the Republican Party." It is his wisest policy. These futile efforts to find a King only tend to lower Spain in the eyes of the world. The representatives of the people have been crying to one and another, "Come and reign over us," and the invitation is always rejected. The only hope of the country is in a Republic, and PRIM at last acknowledges the fact. Between this officer and many of his old friends a bitter antagonism has grown up, and he will probably be stimulated by his isolation to pursue an independent course. He might still have everything his own way if he would assiduously cultivate the Republican Party. He has at least made a beginning in this direction by casting off his old associates. He has also quarreled with the London *Times*. Apparently he will not be under anybody's thumb in future.

The resolutions of the Norfolk Board of Trade in favor of the Mediterranean and Oriental Steamship Company signify a movement of great importance as regards the Southern States—one that, in connection with their other commercial projects and propositions, would tend to put new life into them and enable them to keep the marching step of the entire Union on the high road of prosperity. It is natural that the Southrons should wish to run their cotton and correspondence across the Atlantic on their own parallels of latitude, and at the same time get back directly the numbers of settlers that may be willing to emigrate from the Mediterranean regions to the congenial climate of the Southern States. But why cannot the South accomplish the object without looking to Washington for moneyed support?

New-England has not a monopoly of the "notions." Some of these reach us from the old countries, and there is one coming to us by last mail from Austria—a country which has grown wonderfully alert latterly, in many respects, being, evidently, like some other subjects, all the better for a good beating. This "notion" is a letter-sized Post Office card—price, a couple of kreutzers—on which a man writes any indifferent hasty message and then throws it into the nearest mail box—"only that and nothing more." The thing answers admirably in a great number of cases and would, we fancy, suit our people here, especially in the great cities. It would save all the time now devoted to squaring shoulders, folding, enveloping and kissing mucilage. But, on the other hand, it would mightily increase the work of the Post Office people.

Already there is trouble in India over the Duke of EDINBURGH. That young Prince appears to be the Mother Carey's chicken of "high life." Wherever he goes there is a storm. It appears that Ceylon is preparing to spend about $21,000 on his reception, whereat the Indian Press generally howls. The general sentiment is that a Prince who makes money out of Parliament by "giving" presents to colonists is not worth spending $21,000 upon. We learn from the *Indian Daily News* (Calcutta) that the community there show no signs of enthusiasm over the approaching visit. "The time is not opportune," says our contemporary very plainly. These young gentlemen seem to be falling to a discount. It is almost a pity, because the humble taxpayer of Great Britain will have to bear the worst consequences.

Anxious mothers will do well to take note of a little incident which occurred the other day. One MARY CROHIN, aged twelve months, was drowned in exactly three pints of water. It happened in this way: MARY was playing about the room during her mother's absence—a little girl was "minding" her—when she came across a common house pail. This stupendous curiosity naturally attracted the close attention of MARY. She gazed into the strange machine, and when her mother returned, some hours afterward, the poor child was found head downward in the pail—stone dead. There were only three pints of water in the vessel. The plan of leaving children in charge of each other seldom answers.

The *Tribune* did not interpolate any words into Mr. BEECHER's speech. It is evident from Mr. BEECHER's letter that the additions were made with his knowledge, or directly at his instigation. It will be time enough to discuss Mr. BEECHER's present statements when McFARLAND's trial compels us once more to approach the subject.

We have received a number of letters on the Richardson-McFarland case, all of them containing harsh strictures on the clergymen and others concerned in the late marriage, but under present circumstances we must decline to publish them.

Theatrical.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

Mr. LESTER WALLACK repeated, at his theatre, last evening, two performances which have always been part of his repertory, but which had not been applauded this season. He acted *Viscount de Lagny* in "The Captain of the Watch," and *Woodcock*, in that character's "Little Game." Few of the frequenters of Wallack's have missed witnessing each of these amusing and finished personations, and to the larger number, therefore, the record of their repetition will suffice to give prominence to the opportunity now had of enjoying a delightful representation. For the playgoers who have not already seen the two pieces, however, (sparing the reader a review of such well-worn works,) it may be well to mention that while Mr. WALLACK's embodiment of *Woodcock* is extremely comical, his delineation of *Viscount de Lagny* is one that could not be approached by the effort of any comedian on the American boards. In "Woodcock's Little Game" Mr. WALLACK had (principally) the collaboration of Mr. PROBERT as *Summerdown*, and of Miss MUSTAYER, who acted *Mrs. Colonel Curzer*. In the opening piece Mr. JOHN GILBERT once more personated *Baron Vanderpelter*, and Miss ESTER GARRICK *Katrya*. The bill to-night includes "Home" and "A Regular Fix."

Musical.

ITALIAN OPERA.

M. LEFRANC and Mme. DE BRIOL sing in "Il Trovatore," at the Academy of Music, to-night. Friday, "Pipelo" is to be produced for the first time in this country.

TELEGRAMS.

English Opinion on President Grant's Message.

Reported Resignation of the Entire French Cabinet.

Russian Intrigue in Dalmatia Discovered.

Destructive Fires in Philadelphia and Boston.

EUROPE.

President Grant's Message in England—Mr. Peabody's Donation—The Egyptian Cotton Crop.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Message of the President of the United States was transmitted by the Atlantic Telegraph last night and is published this morning. The *Pall Mall Gazette*, in its comments on the reference to the *Alabama* claims, says: "The Americans are ready to accept an apology in lieu of all the damages they demand. But England cannot do more than she has already done. Time will amend American sensitiveness. Such events as the demonstrations in honor of Mr. PEABODY will tend to mitigate irritation." The *Gazette* concludes that the Message, on the whole, is friendly, and thinks the President's suggestion that new negotiations be entered upon to prevent similar troubles, will be approved in England.

The remains of Mr. PEABODY will be removed from Westminster Abbey to Her Majesty's ship *Monarch* on Friday next. The steamer will sail on the following Sunday, the 12th. A large Fenian amnesty meeting was held in Dublin last night. The usual speeches and resolutions were adopted. Everything passed off quietly. A delegation of merchants from Manchester, recently had an interview with the Viceroy of Egypt, who assured them that he was making extensive preparations to increase the cotton crop in Egypt. The yachts *Cambria* and *Fenerale* were the first boats to pass through the Suez Canal after it was opened to commerce. An English company is being formed to complete telegraphic communication between England and China, by way of India, and extend it to Australia by means of submarine cables.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 7.—The Czar has granted a concession for the formation of a company, with the right to lay a submarine telegraph cable or cables from some point on the coast of Asiatic Russia, to establish telegraphic communication with China and Japan, the consent of the authorities of those countries having first been obtained.

The French Chamber—An Animated Debate—The Ministers Tender Their Resignation.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—In the Corps Legislatif today there was an animated debate. A member of the majority, in the course of his speech took occasion to defend the *coup d'état* of 1851. Opposition Deputies replied, expressing their disapproval. M. ROCHEFORT was particularly severe in his denunciations. The *Moniteur* announces that an extraordinary meeting of the Council of State was held yesterday, at the close of which all the Ministers tendered their resignations to the Emperor. The proprietors of the radical journal *Le Rappel* have been prosecuted on account of a libelous article on CHARLES HUGO, which recently appeared in its columns.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Calcutta announces that the French Envoy in Annam has asked the authorities to cede to France the districts occupied by the French in that country.

The Dalmatian Revolt—Russian (?) Conspiracy.

VIENNA, Dec. 7.—Austria demands the consent of the European Powers to cross the Turkish Territory, that she may reach Dalmatia by land, and extinguish the rebellion in that Province.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—It is again reported to-day that the Austrian Government has clear and overwhelming proof of the participation of Prussia (Russia?) in the recent Dalmatian insurrection.

FIRES.

Destruction of the Commercial Exchange Building in Philadelphia—Loss Over $250,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—About 5 o'clock this afternoon, while the building of the Commercial Exchange Association was being lit up, a large chandelier in the upper hall fell, allowing an immense rush of gas, which took fire, and in a few seconds the whole structure was in flames. Nothing now remains of it except the walls and lower story, which was arched with masonry and was fire proof. The building was erected on the site of the old Penn Mansion, and was dedicated in March last, the festivities connected with the opening lasting two or three days, and winding up with a hop. The opening was attended by merchants from all parts of the country. The building cost $260,000. The lower story was occupied by the Tradesmen's National Bank, LOUIS AUDENRIED & Co., (coal shippers), the office of the Atlantic Petroleum Storage Company, and a large number of cotton brokers and merchants. Being entirely apart from the surrounding buildings the fire did not spread. A large number of persons were in the building at the time and made narrow escapes, some of them leaping from the windows. An operator of the Western Union Telegraph Company escaped from a second-story window. The insurance on the building is $100,000.

Large Fire in Boston—Loss from $150,000 to $300,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—This evening two of the large buildings on Commercial Wharf, known as the Boston Flour Mills, were entirely destroyed by fire. A large quantity of wheat and flour was burned, and much valuable machinery was ruined. The mills were owned by MABEE & EZZINO. The loss is estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000; insured in Western offices. The origin of the fire is unknown. The presence of the engines was much delayed by the snow.

Storehouse in Pittsfield, Me., Burned—A Church Fired—Narrow Escape of a Family.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 7.—A fire at Pittsfield last night destroyed the storehouse of SYMONDS Brothers, containing $6,000 worth of bedsteads, and the storehouse of G. E. PARKS, containing hay and flour. The entire loss is $10,000.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 7.—A tannery at Haverhill, N. H., owned by J. & F. B. CARRIER, was burned last night. The loss is $8,000; insured for $3,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The Congregational Church on Winthrop-street, Charlestown, was fired by an incendiary last night, and damaged to the extent of $1,800.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 7.—The residence of ALVIN JENCKES, on Broad-street, Central Falls, was destroyed by fire this morning at 3 o'clock. The family narrowly escaped.

WAUKESHA, Wis., Dec. 7.—CLARK's stone block was burned last night. The total loss was $20,000. The insurance on the building and contents is about $12,000.

THE WEST.

The Japanese Prince—Explosion in a Paper Mill—Two Persons Killed.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 7.—A Japanese Prince and suite will leave here to-morrow for New-Brunswick. The court decides not to interfere in SANTIO's case. He will be hanged on Friday, for killing a young girl to whom he was attached. The rotary-bleacher paper mill, at Marseilles, Ill., exploded last evening, demolishing the building and killing Mrs. McDONNAN and Mrs. WILSON, and injuring JAMES G. BRATTON and Mrs. THOMPSON, and several others.

THE HAGUE.

Municipal Elections—Democratic Mayors in Springfield and Lawrence—Other Matters.

BOSTON, Dec. 7. H. H. HARDING was elected Mayor of Cambridge, yesterday, by 317 plurality, over WELCH. At Chelsea, Mayor FORSYTH was reflected without opposition. The preliminary examination of FRANK H. BOWMAN and JAMES E. RICKER, arrested for the murder and robbery of NATHANIEL LORD, in Peabody, resulted in fully committing them for trial. A young man, giving his address as JOHN B. BENNETT, Long Branch, Monmouth County, N. J., *alias* JOHN GREGORY, was arrested last night charged with bringing hotel room robber and enjoy thief. In the lock-up he made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by hanging.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 7.—WILLIAM L. SMITH, the Democratic and Workingmen's candidate, was elected Mayor yesterday by 343 majority. The Republicans have a majority in each branch of the City Council, and A. T. FOLSOM (Republican) is reflected City Clerk and Treasurer.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 7.—SERVIN, Democrat, was yesterday elected Mayor of this city. The Council is about equally divided.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 7.—H. B. WHITTIER, Republican, was yesterday elected Mayor of this city by a large majority.

MARINE DISASTERS.

Steamboat Sunk—Wrecks on the Coast—Several Lives Lost.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 7.—The Red River packet steamer *Richmond* struck a sawyer twelve miles below here on the 2d inst., and sunk. The steamer is a total loss. She was one of the best boats in this river trade. A small part of her freight was saved by a passing steamer. No lives lost.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 7.—The schooner *E. C. Morrison*, of Eastport, from Portsmouth for Portland, was abandoned off Cushing's Island on Saturday night. The crew was picked up by a passing vessel. The schooner has been brought into this port. She is uninjured except in the rigging. The schooner *Mary Alice*, of Lincolnville, from New-York for Portland, went ashore on Trundy's Reef Saturday night. The Captain, JOHN C. PERRY, and two seamen, EUGENE DE CLANE and ROBERT PENDLETON, were drowned. The remainder of the crew were saved on Sunday morning, after clinging in the rigging all night. The wreckers have stripped the vessel, but the hull will be a total loss.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 7.—The brig *John Lewis*, of this port, bound for Cuba, was totally lost on the night of the 1st inst. Her crew was saved.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Meeting and Organization of the California Legislature—Chinese Testimony in Court—The Alaska Liquor Traffic.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The California Legislature met to-day, and, after the swearing in of the new members, adjourned till to-morrow. Both Houses held caucuses to-night. Judge PROVINES, of the Police Court, who has heretofore refused Chinese testimony, to-day decided that the State law excluding it conflicts with the Fourteenth Amendment to the National Constitution. It is stated that the liquor traffic of Alaska is monopolized by the United States army sutlers. The Chamber of Commerce of this city having met to consider the matter, determined to memorialize Congress to either prohibit the importation of liquor into Alaska altogether, or to extend the privilege to all persons.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—Mayor SELBY and the new county officers assumed their duties yesterday. The Mayor's message to the Board of Supervisors is favorably commented upon. The California Associated Press published the President's Message in full this morning. The Coroner's jury in the case of Dr. BURKHUS rendered a verdict that the deceased "came to his death by the explosion of nitro-glycerine at the Giant Powder Works. The cause of the explosion is unknown." At the Democratic legislative caucus last night E. J. LEWIS, of Tehama County, was nominated President *pro tem.* of the Senate, and GEORGE H. ROGERS, of San Francisco, Speaker of the House.

The Legislature organized to-day. The nominees of the Democratic caucus were duly elected and installed in their offices. Another expedition sailed to-day in search of the distressed ship *Orion*. The Captain of a schooner, which has just arrived here, reports that he saw rockets and blue lights burning in the night time off Monterey Bay. They are believed to have been signals from the *Orion*. The conduct of the Captain of the ship *Arkwright* in not rendering assistance and promptly reporting the *Orion* on his arrival is strongly condemned. The city Press generally comment favorably on the President's Message. Twenty-three cargoes of wheat were shipped to England from this port during the month of November. The total exports the same month were 551,746 sacks of wheat and 87,000 barrels of flour.

SOUTHERN LEGISLATURES.

Tennessee—The Common Schools—Legislative Matters in Alabama—The North Carolina Bond Frauds—The Kentucky Senatorship.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 7.—Governor SENTER today, sent a message to the Legislature, stating that there are six hundred and six convicts in the Penitentiary; that said institution is $90,000 in debt, and that it cannot now purchase the necessary supplies of provisions for its wants. The subject of common schools occupied the attention of the House to-day. A proposition to abolish the present system, to adopt the county system and return to that of 1850 were discussed without definite action.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 7.—In the Senate a memorial from the Board of Regents of the State University was read. It asked heavy donations from the State, and acknowledged that the University as at present controlled has not been a success, and that in consequence of the enemies of the present Faculty only thirty pupils were in attendance. Owing to the sickness of the presiding officer a President of the Senate *pro tem.* was elected. Mr. ROYAL (negro, and the only one in the Senate,) nominated Mr. WORTHY, the only Democratic Senator. Mr. WORTHY declined, and nominated and voted for Mr. ROYAL. Mr. BARR, late Surveyor-General of Ohio, was elected. A billwas introduced to divide the State into four Judicial Districts, Court to be held twice a year by the Circuit Judges of the different Circuits, similar to the circuit system of the United States. The Common School bill, which provides for taxing property holders to build schoolhouses and to pay teachers, was discussed. In the House, resolutions were passed asking why teachers of public schools had not been paid. Some members asserted that the Superintendent had stolen the money, while some others state that the money never got to the Superintendent's hands. A bill was reported favorably to abolish the City Court of Selma, and also to revise and republish and digest all the laws of the State.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 7.—The House to-day rescinded the resolution sending a committee to New-York to investigate the frauds in the sale of North Carolina bonds. The House then went into Committee of the Whole and commenced the Superintendent of Public Works and the Treasurer. The former appeared and was examined, but the latter declined to appear. The House adjourned without doing anything definite.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 7.—The election for United States Senator from Kentucky to succeed T. C. McCREERY, takes place on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The most prominent candidates are Congressman J. S. GOLLADY, Governor STEVENSON, R. C. WINTERSMITH, and the present incumbent. The chances of Mr. McCREERY appear to be uppermost.

A MINERS' STRIKE.

Quartz Miners in Montana Out—Armed Resistance to the Sheriff—The Company Yields.

HELENA, Montana, Dec. 7.—Yesterday the quartz miners of the Columbia Mining Company at Unionville struck, on account of the reduction of wages. New men were set at work, but were driven off by the strikers. Five of the strikers were arrested by the Sheriff, but they were instantly rescued by their friends. This morning every miner in the district, some 300 or 400, struck and armed themselves against the Sheriff. The latter collected a posse of armed men at Helena and proceeded to Unionville, this afternoon, but the Mining Company acceded to the demands of the strikers, who then gave themselves up, and were discharged.

CANADA.

The Red River Revolt—How Fort Garry was Captured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—A special dispatch from St. Paul says that a gentleman in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company, just arrived there, publishes a statement in the St. Paul papers that the reported complicity of the Hudson's Bay Company in the Red River rebellion is false; that, on the contrary, the Company have protested strongly against the doings of REALL and his adherents, and have repeatedly tried to impress on the insurgents the necessity of their withdrawing. It is difficult to ascertain the number of men under arms, but many of the insurgents have returned to their native life company. They knew nothing concerning the conspiracy to capture Fort Garry, and were unprepared to meet it. Had Governor MCTAVISH been in his usual health, the fort would probably not have been captured by the insurgents.

MONTREAL, Canada, Dec. 7.—JOHN S. RICHARDS and E. CAULDWELL have been arrested in connection with the Treasury frauds in New-York. Application has been made for their extradition. The case stands adjourned till Friday.

INDIAN BARBARITIES.

A General Rising in Montana—Murders of Whites—Shocking Barbarities.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 7.—Important news reached Lieutenant-General SHERIDAN's headquarters to-day concerning Indian depredations in Montana Territory. It appears the Blackfoot Indians, who are very numerous in that Territory, have left their reservations, organized into mounted parties, and are robbing and murdering white citizens in the most shocking and barbarous manner. A mass meeting of citizens of the Territory was recently held at Helena, at which communications were prepared and addressed to General HANCOCK, commanding the Department of Dakota, and a committee of prominent citizens deputized to convey the document to the General at St. Paul. The address sets forth in detail the sufferings of the white settlers at the hands of the Indians, and asks that the people of the Territory be allowed to raise among themselves a sufficient force of mounted troops to protect their towns and settlements, and chase the marauding savages as they deserve. The Grand Jury of the Territory, composed of the best citizens, have also prepared a report setting forth the same facts, and sent it to General HANCOCK.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

Execution of Melody in Canada—John Fields Hanged in Williamsport, Penn.—The Men and His Crime.

GODERICH, Dec. 7.—NICHOLAS M. MELADY, who murdered his father and stepmother about nine months ago, was hanged this morning at 8:30 o'clock. It is said he left a written confession of his crime.

WILLIAMSPORT, Penn., Dec. 7.—JOHN FIELDS, who murdered his brother-in-law, GEORGE MATHEWS, in Cascade Township, on the 18th of last May, was executed in the jail yard at 1 o'clock P. M. to-day. FIELDS was about 50 years of age. He was born in London, and his parents and sister still reside there. He has a wife and seven children, residing in Lycoming County. He has one brother living, who also resides in this country, and has visited JOHN since his imprisonment.

HISTORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

JOHN FIELDS and GEORGE MATHEWS, the former the murderer and the latter the victim, were brothers-in-law. Mrs. FIELDS was a sister of MATHEWS. Both had their homes in Cascade Township, Lycoming County, Penn., about two miles apart. Together had they, during the Winter of 1868-9, cut and put on the Northern Central Railroad cross ties and cord wood. On the 18th of May, 1869, the Railroad Company took up the wooden ties, and FIELDS and MATHEWS both sent their wives to receive the money due them for their Winter's labor. Upon the separation of the wives, to go to their respective homes, Mrs. MATHEWS gave Mrs. FIELDS a portion of the money, saying, "I will give you $25, and let the men fix it between them." Mrs. FIELDS, after her return home gave her husband the money. FIELDS immediately fell into a terrible passion and threatened to kill his wife for not bringing more money, who to appease his wrath, went to the residence of her brother and persuaded him to go to her husband and endeavor to settle the matter. When MATHEWS arrived at FIELDS' residence, he found him cutting potatoes for the Spring planting. FIELDS demanded one-half the money received for the railroad ties, but MATHEWS declined paying it, as the timber had been cut on his own land; at the same time he tendered to FIELDS the amount that was due him, $5 or thereabouts less than FIELDS demanded. At this juncture FIELDS became terribly enraged, exclaiming, "I'll fix that for you," and, seizing a large double-bitted ax close at his side, struck MATHEWS on the left side of his head, producing a fearful and eventually fatal wound two and three-fourth inches above the eye, five inches long and one and one-half inches deep. FIELDS then rushed toward his wife, threatening to kill her. She rushed from the house, screaming for help, and escaped. A neighbor, Mr. BATEMAN, hearing the cry for help, went over, accompanied by his wife, and found MATHEWS lying on his side, bleeding profusely from the wound in his head, and crying out in his agony, "I will die, oh! my poor wife and children!"

Horror-struck, BATEMAN and his wife rushed to the assistance of the wounded man, at the same time saying to FIELDS: "Oh, JOHN, why did you do this?" which elicited from the monster the savage reply: "Shut up, or I'll fix you in the same way," and went on with his potato cutting. BATEMAN, undaunted by threats, called to FIELDS' children to bring some water and cloths, in order that he might bind up MATHEWS' wound. FIELDS, upon hearing him make this request, jumped up, saying to the children: "Don't you leave your work, or I'll knock your heads off." Then turning to BATEMAN said: "Take that bloody hugger out of this," and started off to plant potatoes.

Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. BATEMAN, the wounded man was conveyed to his home, accompanied by the latter and the stitched wife of FIELDS. After nightfall, FIELDS compelled two of his children to go to the house of MATHEWS, distance about two miles, to tell their mother to "come home, or he would come and kick her home." Failing in his purpose, as she refused to obey his commands, he started for MATHEWS's house, but upon arriving there and looking through the window upon a large number of men who were present, concluded that it would not be safe for him to enter, and returned home, without molesting his wife.

On the same evening, about 9 o'clock, he went to the house of Mr. SAMUEL BODINE, informed him of the affair, and wanted them to send for a physician to attend to his brother-in-law. A messenger was immediately sent to Dr. THOS. LYON, at Cogan Station, a distance of twenty miles, and on the next morning, the doctor accompanied by Reuben BODINE and Constable CHARLES GRAY, went to MATHEWS' residence, and dressed the wound. They then started off to arrest FIELDS, Dr. LYON providing the Constable with a pocket revolver. They found FIELDS in a field plowing, and as they approached him he moved off and went into the house. When they entered the house, FIELDS was sitting on a half-bushel measure, in the kitchen. The Constable walked up to him, and tapping him upon the shoulder, said: "You are my prisoner," whereupon FIELDS snatched up an ax as he sprung from his seat, exclaiming at the same time, "by G—d, I'm your man," and made a furious attack upon GRAY, the Constable, inflicting some terrible but not fatal wounds. After this attack upon the Constable, FIELDS rushed out of the house and escaped into the woods, where he remained about and hiding in various places for two weeks, when he returned to his home and was arrested by several strong and determined men. He was arrested on the 21st of May, and lodged in Lycoming County Prison at Williamsport. On the next day GEORGE MATHEWS, his victim, died, leaving a wife and three children to mourn his untimely end. He was about 36 years of age.

A REPORT FROM FIELDS' SPIRITUAL ADVISER.

10 A. M.—The following interesting statement, from Rev. Mr. PARRY, has just been furnished to your correspondent for publication:

RECTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH, WILLIAMSPORT, Dec. 7, 1869.—In answer to your request for information concerning JOHN FIELDS, I am at liberty to give but few words. I have good reason to believe that he has given me his entire confidence. He has made no special confession, but at all times has freely acknowledged the killing of MATHEWS; pleading only that it was done in the sudden rage of a furious anger, and without deliberate intention. He seemed fully to realize the greatness of his crime in the sight of God; has given himself since his trial almost entirely to prayer and prayerful thought, and has seemed to be deeply and earnestly penitent, but withal very quietly and humbly so. His own requests limits me to this brief statement.

[Signed] WM. PARRY.

Another Tragedy in Pennsylvania—An Old Man and His Wife Murdered and Their Home Burned.

From the Pittsburg (Penn.) Gazette, Dec. 7.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning, in the village of Greenville, Penn., an aged couple named VANDUSEN were fouly murdered and their home burned to ashes, with their bodies in it. They were known to have a large amount of gold on their premises, some twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars, and the universal belief of the neighbors is that they were robbed, murdered, and the house then set on fire to conceal the crime. When the fire had done its worst the body of Mrs. VANDUSEN was found still in bed, though then in the cellar—that of her husband in the hall. That they should have been separated in this manner at such a time seems strange. Moreover the neighbors found the back door and a back window open, which proves at once that burglars had been in the house. A large jack knife, with the blade open, was also found in the ruins. The bodies were so far consumed as to preclude the possibility of determining any marks of violence. On Saturday the old man, frightened, no doubt, at the decline in gold, was in town offering to sell off the precious metal, thus inevitably advertising his tempting possession—$25,000 in gold—in a farmhouse in a quiet country town.

THE TEXAS ELECTION.

Later Returns from Texas—Hamilton Probably Elected.

GALVESTON, Dec. 6.—The Counties of McLennan, Fort Bend, Walker, Bexar, Washington, Hill, Colorado, Montgomery, Brazoria, Bastrop, Grimes, Jackson, Victoria, Travis, Bowie and Cass give DAVIS an aggregate majority of 6,822.

The Counties of Bell, Ellis, Falls, Coryell, Williamson, Hays and Cauldwell give HAMILTON an aggregate majority of 2,022. McLennan County was before unofficially reported to have gone for HAMILTON.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 7.—Election returns from Eastern Texas indicate a majority for HAMILTON.

The Susquehanna War—Continuation of the Suit at Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 6.—The trial of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad suit was resumed this morning.

William C. Van Alstyne, bookkeeper in the railroad office, was examined as to the proceedings of the election and as to the transfer of stock made by the Ramsey Party.

William J. Sherman, keeper of a restaurant at Albany, testified that thirty or forty hard-looking men were brought to him on the morning of the railroad election to breakfast. They were brought by one Mangham, who said they were good voters.

S. H. Foster, depot master at Albany, testified that a large number of men came up from New-York on the train on the day of the election, and he described three as having blackened eyes. And some had their arms in slings.

Joseph Clinton testified that he rented to Mangham a room in his restaurant at Albany, for which he paid $10.

Other witnesses testified as to the character and appearance of the men who attended the election on Sept. 7 and voted the Fisk and Gould tickets.

The case for RAMSEY & Co. was closed at 4 o'clock, and DAVID DUDLEY FIELD opened the case for the Fisk Party.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Dec. 7.—A mail train standing this morning at the station, was run into by a freight train, and three coaches, two freight cars and the engine smashed. A brakeman on the freight train, named BENJAMIN SANDBURY was killed, and HENRY MERIN, a peddler, mortally wounded.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 7.—At a meeting of operatives last night a determination was manifested to continue the strike.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Last night MIKE McCOOLS and TOM KELLY gave GEO. C. DOUGLASS, the correspondent of the New-York *Clipper*, and EDWARD GALLEN, a friend of his, a terrible beating in the saloon of the former, for strictures on McCOOLE and KELLY in DOUGLASS' letters. The bruisers have been arrested.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 7.—JOHN BLIGH's Narragansett Brewery, in this city, was seized yesterday by General AMES, for alleged violation of the revenue laws.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 7.—CHARLES WOOPHART, a carpet weaver, cut the arteries in both his arms, last night, with a small pocket knife, and died in a few minutes.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—A large dry goods jobbing house and a shipping broker are reported as having failed.

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 7.—The last bench of a bridge in course of construction near this city fell in being raised to-day, carrying with it the whole bridge and eleven men, five of whom were injured.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—Colonel ALEXANDER, the absconding bogus Treasury agent, is supposed to be in Windsor, Canada. The Custom House now has a supply of water, a compromise having been effected with the Water Works Department.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Dec. 7.—The Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County to-day overruled the motion of the Credit Mobilier of America for a new trial.

HUDSON, N.Y., Dec. 7.—The charter election to-day resulted in the reelection of THEODORE SNYDER, Democrat, for Recorder, and the Democratic city tickets. Of the Aldermen, the Republicans elected two and the Democrats two.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 7.—The British steamer *East Indian* arrived here to-day from Aspinwall, Nov. 25. She brings reports of rich gold discoveries in the District of Chantaiaes, Nicaragua, by a party of Englishmen. The aggregate weight of the nuggets already taken out is said to be about 200 pounds.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7.—A young man calling himself Colonel JAMES HARDING, said to be a noted character and forger, was arrested here to-day, who is said to have escaped from two prisons. He is held to await the action of the authorities of Massachusetts.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 7.—The members of the National Board were entertained by the Norfolk Board of Trade at a sumptuous banquet this evening.

THE SNOW STORM.

Good Sleighing—Effects of the Gale at Sea—Vessels Wrecked and Men Drowned.

The snowy mantle which covered the City yesterday morning was hailed with gladness by thousands, who availed themselves of its presence to indulge in the luxury of sleigh riding. In the upper portions of the City the bells made the air resonant with their cheerful "tintinabulation," and the "belles," who were out in force, accompanied by their male escorts, enjoyed to the full the pleasing sensation of scudding along in elegant turnouts behind fast and mettlesome steeds. Central Park, Madison, Fifth and Lexington avenues were throughout the day alive with parties of merry riders, and far into the night the sound of sleigh bells, now near, now distant, told the fact that there were many who had not yet tired of the sport. The travel by street car and omnibus was considerably impeded, especially during the morning, and on all the routes double teams were attached to each car. The absence of stage sleighs, which were so much in vogue in "the days of long ago," whenever a snow-fall warranted their being brought out, detracts materially from the general hilarity that once was a distinguishing feature of Broadway in Winter, and was greatly regretted yester day, especially by those to whom reminiscences of the olden times are always pleasant.

THE STORM AT SEA.

During the gale on Monday night the brig *Annandale*, laden with coals, from Philadelphia to Boston, was driven ashore on Squan Beach. Her decks were under water, her spars gone, and the Captain and one man were swept overboard and drowned. The Atlantic Submarine Wrecking Company, hearing of the disaster, yesterday morning dispatched the steamer *Rescue* to her assistance. The latest advices say that she has filged, and will probably become a total loss.

At Townsend Inlet the schooner *Willie Howe*, from Rastport, bound to Philadelphia, was ashore and full of water. Her cargo is being discharged upon the beach, but no hopes of saving the vessel are entertained. Another schooner, *D. W. Dillon*, laden with coal, will probably be got off by Captain BROWN, the above Company's agent, who has been sent to the scene of disaster in the steamer *Yankee*.

A Captain who arrived in this port yesterday reports having seen a fleet of vessels, among which was a large clipper, name unknown, off Fire Island, at the commencement of the gale. None of them have arrived here yet. The clipper ship, he said, tacked to the southward, in company with the brig *Annandale*, before she went ashore. Since then nothing has been heard of her.

The schooner *Saxon*, reported last week as having been run down at sea and afterward picked up by the pilot boat *Charlotte*, was abandoned by that vessel off Barnegat, and left to the mercy of the waves.

The steamship *Manhattan*, from Charleston, was detained off the bar six hours by the storm.

THE STORM IN BROOKLYN.

The ordinary means of travel in Brooklyn was very much impeded by the heavy fall of snow on Monday evening, and in some places the railroad tracks were so thoroughly banked with drift-snow that the persons in charge of the tracks found it impossible to keep them clear, until the wind had somewhat subsided. On all the routes of railroad travel cars were running throughout yesterday with double teams of horses. The newly-paved avenues presented fine thoroughfares for sleighing, and hundreds of citizens took advantage of the opportunity thus furnished. Bedford-avenue throughout was a pleasant field of operations, and last night the tinkling sleigh bells in the distance gave token that sport was abundant, and that whatever the inconveniences resulting from the snow storm, there was no lack of joy and merriment. By the afternoon the railroads are expected to be in regular working order.

The storm on Long Island was everywhere very severe. All the trains on the different lines were behind time. Conductor SHERWOOD and his baggage master, on the Long Island Railroad, had their feet frozen, and one of the brakemen on the same train was scalded slightly.

The Storm in the Country.

LEWISTON, Me., Dec. 7.—The first severe snow storm of the season occurred last night. It snowed all night, and a violent wind has drifted it badly. All the trains are late to-day. A foot of snow has fallen.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—No serious marine disasters have resulted from the storm as far as known. The schooner *Ocean Star*, of Halifax, for Boston, is ashore on Nantucket Beach. The crew are safe. The steamer *Meroitica*, from Liverpool Nov. 26, arrived here at noon to-day. The steamer *Rowan*, from Philadelphia, has also arrived. The trains are considerably delayed by snow. The New-York mail train due this morning was at Palmer at 10 o'clock this morning. The weather is clear and the delays on all the roads will be promptly overcome.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The canals are practically closed for the season. About 115 boats are frozen in between West Troy and Speakers' Basin, one-half of which are loaded with grain, consisting of wheat, oats and barley, the balance being loaded with lumber. The snow storm continued till a late hour last night. About six inches of snow fell, and the sleighing is excellent. The trains on some of the railroads were detained. The People's line of steamers, and one or two tows, left the city early yesterday for New-York. No boat from New-York has arrived this morning.

The river here is skimmed over with such strong ice that the ferry boat to-day was five hours crossing. A number of boats destined for New-York, loaded here, have been frozen in.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 7.—A driving snow storm prevailed here last night, and there is a little sleighing to-day. The weather is clear and moderate.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 7.—Considerable snow has fallen here, and the drifts are very deep.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The snow storm ceased early this morning. About one foot has fallen.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 7.—Advices from the north shore report the harbors all closed by ice.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. 7.—The river here is full of floating ice. The *Dean Richmond* and *Connecticut*, both passed here to-day going south. The latter was caught in the ice and lost several hours' time. The weather to-night is clear and cold.

Kings County Republican General Committee—Assessor Allaben Charged with Infidelity to His Party.

After transacting some routine business last evening, the Kings County Republican General Committee was entertained by a lively debate, which was occasioned by Hon. SAMUEL T. MADDOX introducing, in Executive Session, a preamble and resolutions, censuring Assessor ALLABEN for deserting the Republican banner in the recent election, and for working himself, and through others, whom he controlled, against the Republican ticket and for the Democratic ticket. The resolutions set forth that Mr. ALLABEN did not have the confidence of the Republicans of Kings County, was unworthy of their confidence anywhere, and was not entitled to the confidence of the authorities at Washington.

The ward politicians for an earnest and angry discussion, which, as it progressed, waxed hotter and hotter.

Mr. ALLABEN, in reply to the charges made in the preamble and resolutions, said he defied any man to prove that he had worked against his party, or that he had in any way done anything to advance the interests of the Democracy. Even when his own brother, a Democrat, was candidate for office, he did not vote for him. He loudly, distinctly, emphatically pronounced and declared the charges made in the resolutions underlying the preamble false, and without foundation. He defied any member of that Committee to show successfully that he had not in his office as Assessor used all his influence for the best interests of the Republican Party.

Mr. MADDOX, and several other gentlemen, followed in speeches, in the course of which they specified various charges against the gentleman alluded to in the resolutions. The subject was still under consideration at a late hour.

In the early part of the meeting it was resolved to hold the primaries, for the election of delegates to the next General Committee, on the evening of the 29th inst.

St. Ann's Bazaar, Brooklyn.

The Bazaar at St. Ann's schoolroom, corner of Clinton and Livingston streets, which opened last evening, was the most brilliant affair of the kind ever attempted on the Brooklyn Heights. The immense hall is fitted up in fairy style. There are alcoves for embroidery, coffee, hooks, flowers, fruits, nursery, lunch, china, glass, bronze varieties, worsted work, a country store, a temple of fortune, a grotto, a divan, an old curiosity shop, and there are other things of rare interest not in alcoves; to each a separate Committee of ladies, and each Committee resolute upon excelling every other in regard to the amount to be raised toward the one general fund. The Bazaar Bulletin is issued daily; it has a numerous editorial staff, a corps of excellent printers, and a capital press; its columns are full of interesting items. Everything which Christian genius could bring to the work of making up a combination of first-rate attractions at reasonable prices and of infinite variety is concentrated at the Bazaar, the whole machinery grandly and handsomely impelled by the rector of the Church, Rev. Dr. SCHENCK. The object of the Bazaar is to raise funds for furnishing out the schoolroom for Sunday School purposes, and to furnish a library for the pastor, and to keep the parish reading room well stocked with such periodical literature as shall not be inimical to Christianity. That these objects will be fully attained there cannot be the slightest room for doubting in view of the great enthusiasm which characterizes the opening. All the fairness, beauty and worth of Brooklyn Heights appear to be determined to have a share in St. Ann's Bazaar. It is a grand thing and is appreciated accordingly. It will be open every afternoon and evening for a week.

The History of Music—Another Lecture in the Course by Professor Ritter.

Professor FREDERICK L. RITTER delivered the third of his course of lectures on the "History of Music," last evening, at WEBER's rooms, Fifth-avenue and West Sixteenth-street. His theme was "The Opera, from 1600 to the Death of GLUCK in 1787." The lecturer began by alluding to the miracle plays, or "moralities," as they were termed, which, in the early ages of Christianity, after persecution by the Pagans had ceased, were employed to imbue the popular mind with the knowledge of Scriptural History, and which were the foundation of musical drama. Subsequently the old Greek plays were put on the stage with more or less musical accompaniment. It was found, however, that the contrapuntal chant then in vogue did not answer the purpose, and a return was made to some of the Greek authors, and this means of aiding in giving expression to the sentiments embodied in those productions was afterward greatly improved upon. The house of the Medici, in Florence, was a great patron of the musical drama in its early days, and a decided impetus was given to this art by Pope CLEMENT VII., who called to Rome BARTI, who had distinguished himself in this style of composition, and made him his master. Among the earliest efforts in an operatic direction was a dialogue written by the father of GALILEO, the astronomer, in which ancient and the then modern music are compared, and a keen criticism passed on the latter. The madrigale were then in vogue, and efforts to interpret the ideas of the poems occupied much of the time of the composers at that time. ANNIBO DEL CAVALIERE brought out two pastorals in 1590, followed by others in 1594. These were well received; but the great desire was to see musical expression to the ideas contained in the Greek plays. The first accounts we have of recitative are concerning "Daphne," which was produced at the period of Lent in Rome. This innovation was applauded, though, like all the operatic works of that era, its style was purely musical declamation. The orchestra was placed behind the scenes, and the only part of it which has the semblance of an aria is a strain of Apollo's harp arranged for three fifteens. MONTEVERDE, born in 1567, who was chapel master at Mantua, brought out three works for stage representation, "Orpheo," "Il Ballo" and "Ariana." The opera originated in Italy, and was being continually improved. Thence it found its way all over Europe, being first exclusively performed for the amusement of royal courts. Cardinal MAZARAN was its patron, and introduced it into France, and HANDEL first put it on the English stage. It is in oratorio, however, that HANDEL's genius will be handed down through the generations. Commissioner GLUCK, a Bohemian, born in 1714, is to be credited with having brought opera to perfection. In 1762 he produced "Orpheo" at Vienna, and "Alceste" in 1767—both his own creations. He entertained French opera in Paris, while HANDEL did the same thing in England. PICCINI was GLUCK's great opponent, and zealously upheld Italian opera against GLUCK's French productions. The works of PICCINI are forgotten, but those of GLUCK still live.

Navy Yard Intelligence—The Roanoke Ordered to be in Readiness for Service Immediately.

An order has been issued by Admiral GORDON to the workmen in the Navy Yard, to put the Roanoke in readiness for service immediately—meaning within five days. The consequence is that workmen in all the departments necessary to complete the preparations of this vessel for sea, are at work night and day to accomplish the task specified by the order.

The steamer Tallapoosa, which arrived here last Saturday from Washington, was on Monday loading with guns for her return trip. She had taken a 100-pounder pivot gun successfully. In the evening, while the snow storm raged, the Hester, which had on board still another pivot gun, sank, a catastrophe for which there was no kind of preparation.

At present everything is activity in the yard.

LATEST FROM THE LADIES.—Since the introduction of PERLON'S VITALIA, OR SALVATION FOR THE HAIR, ladies who formerly used dyes, are universally abandoning them. They find the new

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Contrary to all established customs, business at the Salesroom yesterday was decidedly brisk. Election day is generally very quiet. It is presumed that some few buyers, not usual, are interested in the choices of some ticket or individual, and that on that day they will use their time and efforts to secure the election of the persons whose friends they are. Auctioneers are anxious always to have the largest audiences possible, and they seldom have a large sale on any day when another excitement is likely to diminish their crowds. Yesterday, though, was an exception. Perhaps an hour before the sales commenced a goodly number of persons had collected together, mostly old habitués of the rooms, whose faces are familiar to all who ever visit it. They seem to be excellent humored, and maybe with no small degree of certainty of the success which must attend the day's sales. These men are generally well-informed as to the location and value of all kinds of City property. They attend at the salesroom daily. As soon as a sale is advertised they inform themselves fully as regards the lot, and builders, if any are present, they then know very nearly its market value, and if there is any chance for a bargain, are on hand.

Yesterday quite a number of new faces were to be seen, but there was also, of course, a good sprinkling of regulars. The sales were very satisfactory. The bidding strong, and the prices obtained good. MILLER, SANDS & CO. offered the most valuable property. The first-story brown-stone house and lot, No. 80 West Twenty-second-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, sold for $28,000. The three-story brick house and lease of lot No. 22 Washington-square sold for $20,500. The ground is leased from the Sailors' Snug Harbor at an annual rental of $475—taxes and assessments, but three years to run and contains the usual covenants for renewal. The house is thirty-one feet and six inches by about forty feet; the lot thirty-one feet six inches by an average depth of one hundred and forty-five feet. This must be considered a very good sale. Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., offered one lot on the east side of Fifth-avenue, about fifty feet south of One Hundred and Thirteenth-street. It was started at $1,000, run up briskly to $2,000, and then a little slower until it reached the sum of $4,750, at which sum it was finally knocked down. There was considerable competition for this lot, one or two gentlemen who seemed particularly anxious did not content themselves with the usual nod, but announced their bids loudly. This is a good corner, and it would be well if it were more generally offered out. There would then be little, or no chance for any misunderstanding as to whether or a gentleman bid, and the amount of his bid. Messrs. MALLORY & BLACKWELL made their first appearance for some weeks, and were warmly welcomed. They had quite a valuable property to offer, consisting of some eight lots in Brooklyn and Fifty-second-st. Flatbush, and around their stand was gathered an excellent audience. Their sale was by far the largest of the day, and the competition for the different lots was quite lively. They sold well too, as the list of prices which appears below will show.

To-day will be a comparatively quiet day. Announcements of the sales to take place will be found in our advertising columns.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK.

By Miller, Wilkins & Co.

2-story brown-stone house and lot No. 80 West 22d-st., 22 ft. n. of 6th-av., lot 20x88.... $28,000
3-story brick house and lease of lot No. 22 Washington-square, lot 21.3x40.... $20,500

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

1 lot s. e. of 5th-av., 55.5 ft. n. 113th-st., 25.3x100.... $4,750

BROOKLYN.

By Mallory & Blackwell.

8 lots s. e. cor. 12th-st. and 10th-av., each 20x100.... $1,100
8 lots s. s. 20th-av., adjoining above, same size.... 1,100
3 lots s. s. 18th-st., 100 ft. e. of 10th-av.... 1,125
5 lots in rear of above, on s. s. of 17th-st., same size.... 1,125
3 lots s. s. 19th-st., 200 ft. e. of 10th-av., same size.... 1,125
3 lots adjoining above, same size.... 1,125
3 lots adjoining above, same size.... 1,125
3 lots adjoining above, same size.... 1,150
6 lots s. w. corner of 17th-st. and 11th-av., same size.... 1,200
6 lots s. s. 17th-st., 100 ft. w. of 11th-av.... 1,000
2 lots adjoining, same size.... 350
2 lots adjoining, same size.... 350
2 lots adjoining, same size.... 350
2 lots adjoining, same size.... 400
2 lots adjoining, same size.... 400
2 lots n. e. corner of 11th-av. and 19th-st., each 20x100.... 400
2 lots and gore on 17th-st., adjoining above.... 1,000
2 lots n. s. 18th-st., 200 ft. e. of 10th-av.... 1,175
2 lots n. e. corner 10th-av. and 19th-st.... 1,175
2 lots s. s. 18th-st., 300 ft. e. of 10th-av.... 1,175
1 lot adjoining above, same size.... 1,175

By Johnson & Miller.

3 lots on s. w. corner of Van Vourhies-st. and Bushwick-av., each 20x100.... $800
2 lots n. e. of Grove-st., near Evergreen-av., each 25x100.... 800
2 lots s. s. of Ralph-av., in rear of above, each 25x100.... 800
2 lots on Jefferson-st., near Bushwick-av.... 1,075
4 lots n. s. Chauncey-st., 60 ft. e. of Hopkinson-av., each 20x100.... 900
3 lots adjoining, each 20x100.... 1,100
2 lots s. s. Lexington-st., 300 ft. e. of Grove-st., each 20x100.... 1,100
2 lots n. s. Van Buren-st., in rear of above, each 20x100.... 1,200
1 lot n. s. Van Buren-st., 140 ft. e. of Hewes-st., 20x100.... 800
3 lots n. s. Hooper-st., 325 ft. e. of Marcy-av., each 20x100.... 1,775
2 lots s. s. Keap-st., in rear of above, each 20x100.... 1,100
2 lots s. s. Hooper-st., near Evergreen-av., each 20x100.... 1,075
4 lots w. s. corner Central-av. and Troy-st., each 20x100.... 1,200
2 lots s. s. Troy-st., 80 ft. n. of Central-av., each 20x100.... 800
2 lots w. s. Jacob-st., 100 ft. n. of Evergreen-av., each 20x100.... 800
4 lots adjoining.... 800
4 lots adjoining.... 800
1 lot adjoining.... 800
7 lots s. s. Jacob-st., 300 ft. n. of Central-av., each 20x100.... 800

FLATBUSH, L. I.

By Mallory & Blackwell.

24 lots n. s. corner of Bedford-st. and Prospect-av., each 20x100.... $9,200
8 lots n. s. of Bedford-st., 120 ft. e. of Prospect-av., each 20x100.... 2,800
2 lots adjoining above, and 3 lots in rear, same size.... 2,150
8 lots adjoining above, and 3 lots in rear, same size.... 2,800
8 lots adjoining above, and 3 lots in rear, same size.... 2,800
10 lots w. s. of Prospect-av., and Bedford-st., each 20x100.... 3,600
8 lots n. s. of Bedford-st., 120 ft. w. of Prospect-av., each 20x100, and 3 lots in rear, same size.... 3,100
8 lots adjoining above, and 3 lots in rear, same size.... 3,100
8 lots adjoining above, and 3 lots in rear, same size.... 1,000

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Bleecker-st., No. 261, 18.8x62, h. and l.... $10,000
Rector-st., w. s., 100 ft. n. of Dalleway-st., h. and l., 20x67.6.... 10,750
8th-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 3d-av., 16x75, h. and l.... 10,000
27th-st., n. s., 275 ft. w. of 8th-av., 25 ft. x. d. 100 ft. d.... 16,000
36th-st., s. s., 62.6 ft. w. of 3d-av., h. and l., 17.6x98.9.... 1,000
Avenue A, No. 241, h. and l. as security.... 1,000
Avenue A, w. s., 20 ft. s. of 12th-st., 40x90.... 5,000
Avenue C, w. s., 100 ft. n. of 12th-st., 25x100.... 6,000
1st-av. and 9th-st., n. w. corner, h. and l., 25x100 feet 9th-st., s. s., 48.11 ft. e. of 1st-av., 24x100.... 8,250

Leases Recorded.

Spring-st., No. 321 and 323, 5 years, per year.... $1,000
Avenue A, No. 244, 3 5-12 years, per year.... 900

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Bainbridge-st., s. s., 325 ft. e. of Pitkin-av., 40x100.... $4,000
Bergen-st., s. s., 200.7 ft. w. of Franklin-av., 20x183.... 1,000
Bergen-st., s. s., 200.7 ft. w. of Franklin-av., 20x183.... 1,000
Bergen-st., s. s., 200.7 ft. w. of Franklin-av., 20x183.... 1,000
Hicks and Sheppard-avs., s. e. corner, 200x100.... 800
Culver-st., n. s., 75 ft. e. of Washington-st., 25x100.... 10,400
Hancock-st., s. s., 127.6 ft. e. of Tompkins-av., 17.6x100, (August, 1869.)
Hancock-st., s. s., 127.6 ft. e. of Tompkins-av., 17.6x100, (Dec., 1869.)
Heyward-st., n. s., 264 ft. e. of Lee-av., 18x100.... 7,000
Hoyt and Livingston sts., easterly cor., 22x72.7.... 7,000
Lynch-st. and Marcy-av., westerly cor., 52x100.... 4,000
Monroe-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Bedford-av., 25x100.... 4,500
Quincy-st., s. s., 400 ft. w. of Tompkins-av., 20x100.... 5,000
Sackett-st., n. s., 200 ft. e. of Smith-st., 20x100.... 1,000
Sackett-st., n. s., 200 ft. e. of Smith-st., 20x100.... 1,000
Union-place, w. s., 61.6 ft. s. of railroad or main street or avenue, 20x184.
West-st., 100 ft. n. of Freeman-st., 20x100.... 800
Warren-st., n. s., 100.7 ft. e. of Court-st., 27.6x100.... 15,000
Washington-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. corner, 22.10x107.1x132.2x100.4.... 60,000
Wolcott-st., s. w. s., 126 ft. s. e. of Richards-st., 19.4x100.... 1,200
Wolcott-st., s. w. s., 226 ft. s. of 6th-st., 20x100.... 2,200
20th-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of 6th-av., 20x100.... 1,000
Atlantic-av., 100 ft. e. of and 8th-av., 50 ft. s. of and old Brooklyn and Jamaica and Plattbush road, n. s., all leaks bounds.
Atlantic-av., s. s., 636.7 ft. w. of Troutman-st., 17x110.
x197x100; 22.4, C. G.
Atlantic-av., s. s., 136 ft. w. of Underhill-av., 20x100.... 2,000
Atlantic-av., s. s., 156 ft. w. of Underhill-av., 20x100.... 2,000
Flushing-av., s. s., 66.2 ft. e. of Delamontagne-place, 22x75.2x87.2 ft.
Hamilton-av., s. s., 200 ft. e. of Lexington-av., 50x184.
Hamilton-av., s. s., 200 ft. e. of Lexington-av., 50x184.
Sheppard and Rockaway-av., n. e. corner, irregular.
Sheppard-av., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Broadway, 20x100.
Stuyvesant-av., w. s., 59 ft. s. of Van Buren-st., 20x100.
Van Buren-st. and Stuyvesant-av., s. w. corner, 50x100.
26-av., s. s., 77.2 ft. e. of 4th-av., 18x90.... 12,000
26-av., w. s., 93.2 ft. n. of 41st-st., 25x100.
Flatbush Flatlands Neck road, Lot No. 34 Vermont-av., map 100:236.7.
Clinton-st., s. s., Lots 22x, 23 and 24, 1st 100.2x 200, 2d, 100x200.

QUEENS COUNTY.

Astoria.

Ridge-st., s. s., lot No. 40, 20x100.
Ridge-st. and the Crescent, n. w. corner, 24.6x 112.11.
Ridge-st. and the Crescent, n. w. corner, 21.6x 112.11.
Ridge-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Academy-st., 100x 220.
Ridge and Madison-ss., s. e. corner, 50x100.
Flushing.
Woodland-st., adjoining Hogg's farm....

Street, w. s. adjoining Sickles' district.... 1,000
Lots near Hunters's or Roker's, adjoining Astoria, 5 lots....
Lots Island City.
Lots adjoining Wm. B. Miller, 25 lots....
Middleport Park.
Centre-st., s. s., lot No. 212, map of South Williamsburg, 20x100.... $200
Newtown.
Mary and Park sts., s. e. cor., 5 acres.... $875
Woodbury.
Manatuck Hill and Cold Spring road, Rhodes' property, 5½ acres cleared, and woodland.... $600
Woodside.
Milltown, lot 109 and 24 ots., 20 No. on map.... $300
RICHMOND COUNTY.
Stapleton.
Bay-st., s. w. s., (Fort Richmond,) W. A. Bing, 20x100.... $400
Middletown.
Canal-st., s. s., (Edgewater,) David Jones, 100x200.... $4,000
Wallace-st., s. s., W. L. Clark's, 25x100.... 2,000
Fort Richmond to Richmond village road, w. s. Frederick Ever's, 4 acres and buildings.... 10,000
Westfield.
Residuary plot, Stephen R. Vail.... $400

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

East Chester.

Horton-av., n. s., lot No. 1,295 Mount Vernon, 50x100.
Valentine-st., n. s., lots Nos. 37 and 39 Central Valentine-st., n. s., lots Nos. 41 and 43 Central, each 25x100.... $25,000
Elliot, n. s., lot No. 231 Waverley, north half, 25x100.
Elliot, n. s., lot No. 231 Waverley, south half, 25x100.
Lots and chicks, s. w. corner, 100x100.... 2,000
Rich (Street) and Post Road, Post Road, adjoining New-Haven Railroad, 19 ch. 20 links.... 18,000
Harrison.
Road to King-st., just formerly S. Haggerty, adjoining S. Ford's and A. G. Mandeville, 16 acres.... 2,000
Lewisborough.
Highway running n. by State-st., adjoining Saul Hammond's, 4 acres.... $400
Mamaroneck.
Mill Brook, part of lot No. 130, 50x.... $1,000
Rye.
Theron-st., s. s., 350 ft. n. of Clarkson-av., 100x148. $1,100
Post road, s. s., adjoining V. M. Griswold's, 100x 150, Brilliskill.... 3,000
Pelham.
Pelham-st., s. s., lot No. 68, Pelhamville map, 100x180. $300
Sing Sing.
Spring-st., w. s., lot No. 3, formerly N. Larkin's, 60x100.... $600
Tarrytown.
McKeel-st., s. s., adjoining T. H. Purdy's, 81x170 x81x170.... $1,000
Yonkers.
Fordham-av. and Fitch-st., S. W. corner, 54x100. $822
West Farms.
Jefferson-av., s. w. s., lots Nos. 49 and 51, (new?)
Jefferson-av., s. w. s., lots Nos. 125 and 127, (new?)
River's map, 50x100.
Ryer-place, s. s. s., lots Nos. 192, 194, 196, Samuel Ryer's map, 50x100.... 1,000

Vonkers.

Highland-place, n. s., 264 ft. e. of Ludlow-st., 61 x276.
Williams-st., n. s., 262 ft. e. of Oak Hill-av., 50x125. 1,200
Walnut, corner of Chestnut-av., 50x100.... 1,000

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY and high-stoop house, situated in West Street, near 35th-st.; house just finished in the most complete order; possession at an early day. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

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BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—IN WILLIAMSBURG, IN A most frame house; water, gas and gas; the lot has a two-story building on the rear, suitable for a shop. Apply on the premises, No. 120 South 2d-st., near 7th. Price, $7,500; $4,500 to remain; easy terms to suit.

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ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES one hour from N. Y.; for sale low. Also, beautifully situated cottages to let for the season, or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 346 Broadway, N. Y., 9 to 11 A. M., Orange, corner Main and Central-ave., 1 to 3 P. M.

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FURNISHED HOUSE TO RENT IN Brooklyn.—Will be rented until May next, to a private family only. House in clean and in complete order, and can be had on two days' notice; rent $1,100 quarterly in advance. Inquire of HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

PARTIES DESIRING HOUSES ON Madison-av. or without board, apply at Everett Library, No. 72 West 34th-st.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

A STORE AND DWELLING TO LET, No. 422 4th-av., near 26th-st. Apply at the premises.

OFFICE TO LET.—TWO FRONT ROOMS on the second floor of No. 2 New Chambers-st. Inquire the premises of LEXOW & VOIGT, or of W. L. DONKIN, No. 16 4th-av.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

SUPREME COURT—COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—EDWARD MORGAN and others against RICHARD V. WILCOX and others.—Sale of the County of New-York, at the Exchange, in pursuance of a decretal order of the Supreme Court, made in the action, bearing date the 23 day of October, in the year 1869, I will be sold at public sale by me, at the Merchants' Exchange, located at No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, under the direction of the subscribed, Edmund Randolph Robinson, referee, by R. H. Ludlow & Co., Auctioneers, on the 16th day of December, A. D. 1869, at 12 o'clock at noon, that day, the property described as follows: All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Fifteenth Ward of the City of New-York, and which are bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Beginning at the northerly line of Washington-place, at the westerly line of Mercer-street, thence northerly along the westerly line of Mercer-street, one hundred and eighty-four feet to the northerly line of a certain alley, thence westerly along the northerly line of said last alley or late building to James I. Jones and bounded with Mercer-street two feet four inches, thence southerly parallel with the said Mercer-street, and thence easterly along said northerly line of Washington-place one hundred and forty-eight feet to the place of beginning, be the said several distances and the said lots, pieces, tenements and premises, or any of them, more, or less, or otherwise bounded or described, or be any other appertaining.—Dated New-York, Oct. 27, 1869. EDMUND RANDOLPH ROBINSON, Referee, No. 68 Wall-st.

EVARTS, SOUTHMAYD & CHOATE, Plaintiff's Attorneys, No. 42 Wall-st.

JOHN M. MILLER, Auctioneer.

BY JAMES M. MILLER, TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 1869, At 12 o'clock, at the Exchange, Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, will be sold under the direction of HAMILTON W. ROBINSON, Esq., referee, the right of said south side of 80th-st., Hudson river, of 25.10 feet, with the improvements, brewery and machinery thereon, two valuable lots of land on the north side of 80th-st., distant 60 feet east of the south side of 80th-st., 50 feet front, dwelling house, in perfect order, with all modern improvements.

Maps and particulars at the office.

PEREMPTORY SALE IN PARTITION between the heirs of the late Matthew Morgan and Joanna W. Field.—Will be sold at public auction, by virtue of a judgment of the Supreme Court in Kings County, by R. H. Ludlow & Co., auctioneers, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15, 1869, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Merchants' Exchange, the premises No. 111 Broadway, the whole of the building known as the Broadway Hotel, having a front on Broadway of 154 feet, and running the same depth, with a passage way, Morris-st., the entire block and Wheatley-place, and Morris-st., including half of the Wheatley-place and Morris-st., which is 66 feet on Washington-place by a feet 7 inches on Morris-st.

Terms—Cash.

For further particulars inquire of EVARTS, SOUTHMAYD & CHOATE, No. 42 Wall-st., VAN WINKLE, DANDLER & ZALT, No. 46 Wall-st., or LORD, DAY & LORD, No. 44 Exchange-st.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

HOUSE AND LOT ON WEST 40TH-st. AT AUCTION.—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, the house and lot on West 40th-st., north side, near Seventh-ave.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

SLEIGHS, BELLS, SLEIGHS, FIFTY SLEIGHS, ALL STYLES, 1,000 STRAP SLEIGH BELLS, GREAT BARGAINS, at CALVIN WITTY'S Carriage and Sleigh Warehouse, No. 68 Broadway.

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	Buy.	Sell.		Buy.	Sell.
Registered, 1881	114¼	114¾	5-20 Coupon, '67.	115¼	115¾
Coupon, 1881....	116	116	5-20 Coupon, '68.	115¼	115¾
5-20 Regis., 1862.	113¼	113¾	10-40 Regis....	109¾	110
5-20 Coupon, '62.	113¼	113¾	10-40 Coupon....	109¾	109¾
5-20 Coupon, '64.	113¼	113¾	Gold....	132¾	133
5-20 Coupon, '65.	113¼	113¾	U. S. Cur. Fed....	107¾	108
5-20 Coupon, '66.					
Jan. 2d July	113¼	113¾			

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These bonds are regarded as first-class in every respect, and very desirable for investors.

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OFFICE OF THE LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, Nov. 29, 1869.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company (including the Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Div., Lake Shore, the Cleveland and Toledo, and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Companies) will be held at the Lake Shore Depot, in Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, on the 20th day of December, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration a plan of reorganization of the above Railroad Companies, in pursuance of this Company with the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railway Company, which was agreed upon by the respective Boards of Directors of said Companies on the 22d day of October, 1869. GEO. H. ELY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE WORLD MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 78 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1869.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRectors of this Company will be held at its office, No. 78 Broadway, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15, 1869. Polls will be open from 12 o'clock to 1 o'clock P. M.

H. V. GAHAGAN, Secretary.

12½ PER CENT. INTEREST—CHEAP. UNION PACIFIC LAND GRANT BONDS, bearing 7 per cent. (currency) interest. FOR SALE at 90 and accrued interest. These bonds are taken at par in the purchase of the Government lands.

CORNE & STANTON, No. 35 Broad-st.

OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE PLACE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 20 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Nov. 27, 1869.

TRANSFER BOOKS OF MORRIS and Essex Railroad Company will be closed from the 15th of December inst. until 1st of January, prox.

A. J. ODELL, Registrar.

THE GOLD COUPONS OF UNION Pacific Railway Company, Eastern Division, (now Kansas Pacific Railway,) due Dec. 1, 1869, will be paid on presentation, by DABNEY, MORGAN & CO., No. 53 Exchange-place, New-York.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 4, 1869. SCHEDULES OF THIRTY-ONE HUNDRED Shares of Pacific Mail Stock, payable Jan. 10, 1870, will be received for examination at the Treasury.

CHARLES T. FOLGER, Assistant Treasurer.

FINANCIAL.

EIGHT PER CENT. GOLD.

The undersigned, as representatives of the ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY, have the honor to offer for sale the

$1,500,000 FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

(PAYABLE IN GOLD) OF THE

ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY,

Bearing Eight per Cent. Interest in Gold, Free of Government Tax, secured by a first and only mortgage on the railway, which runs from St. Joseph to Fort Kearney.

Total length of road, 271 miles.

Distance mortgaged, 111 miles; and at the rate of only $13,500 per mile on a completed road, costing to build and equip more than double the amount mortgaged.

Trustee for Bondholders: FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.

This line of railroad is the extension of the *Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, with its connections North and East, and the St. Louis and St. Joseph Railroad, with its connections South and East, both lines converging at St. Joseph, and connecting at once with the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad, running West, through Eastern Kansas, into the heart of Nebraska, and connecting with the Union Pacific Railroad at the City of Fort Kearney, making the shortest route known to California and the Pacific States.*

These bonds have thirty years to run from Aug. 14, 1868. Payable at maturity, in gold, in the City of New-York.

The interest is payable in gold on the 15th of February and August in each year, at the rate of 8 per cent., free of Government tax, in New-York, London and Frankfort-on-the-Main, at the holder's option, without notice, and at the following equivalents:

ON $1,000 BOND.

In New-York - - - - $40 gold
In London - - - - £8 4s. 4d.
In Frankfort-on-the-Main 100 fler.

On $500 Bond, one-half these amounts respectively.

The bonds are in denominations of $1,000 and $500. They are coupon bonds, but may be registered in the owner's name at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, and, by the surrender of the coupons, can be converted into a registered bond, with interest payable to the registered owner.

COMPANY'S CAPITAL STOCK, $10,000,000,

to which nearly $3,000,000 is subscribed and paid up by local subscriptions, which amount has and is being expended on the road.

The Company have 1,600,000 acres of superior land immediately adjoining the line. This was a grant direct from the United States Government to aid the Company in their work, and, at the Government price of $2 50 per acre, has a value of $4,000,000, while the loan is only $1,500,000, *and is the only debt against the Company.*

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Pamphlets, maps, and information furnished on application.

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Having had all the papers and documents relating to the loan examined by competent counsel and pronounced complete and sufficient, and having personally examined the same, which we find regular and perfect, and having had our own engineers examine the road and property, whose reports are satisfactory, we do, with the utmost confidence and satisfaction, recommend the EIGHT PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE GOLD BONDS OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY AS A SAFE, SURE, AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENT, worthy the attention of capitalists, investors, and others.

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On and after MONDAY, the 17th day of January next, this institution will pay interest, at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, on all sums which have remained on deposit for three or six months previous to the 1st day of January, 1870. Interest not called for will be credited as an original deposit.

Bank open daily from 10 to 3, and on Thursdays from 10 to 7.

WILLIAM H. SLOCUM, President.
CHARLES A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

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PAID IN.... $600,000

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OFFICE OF TOLEDO, PEORIA AND WARSAW RAILWAY COMPANY, NO. 20 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Nov. 27, 1869.

THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST Preferred stock of the Company are hereby notified that a Dividend of 11 20-100 per Cent. has been declared on said stock. Such dividend will be represented by certificates of the Company, bearing interest, having five years to run, which will be ready for delivery at the office of the Company, No. 20 Exchange-place, on and after Jan. 1, 1870, to the stockholders at the closing of the books.

The transfer books of the First Preferred Stock will close on the 20th of December, and reopen after 1st of January.

THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary.

FINANCIAL.—A GENTLEMAN, MEMber of the New-York Stock and Gold Exchange, thoroughly conversant with the details of business, and having about $60,000, is anxious to connect himself with a firm of ample means already in business, or about to commence. All communications confidential. Address BANKER, 48 this Office.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THERE WILL BE GIVEN NOTICE—THAT ON the 1st day of December, A. D. 1869, a petition in bankruptcy was presented against the bankrupts of GEORGE A. DAVIS, PHILIP STRAUS, BENJAMIN F. PEIXOTTO and RAPHAEL PEIXOTTO, doing business in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, under the firm name of Geo. A. Davis & Co., and at San Francisco, California, under the firm name of Peixotto, Straus & Co., who have been adjudged bankrupts, on their own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupts, to them, or for their use, and the transfer of any property by them, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupts, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of their estates, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 18 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, before Edward Kershaw, Esq., Register, on the 22d day of December, A. D. 1869, at 10 o'clock M.

S. R. HARLOW, U. S. Marshal, as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOHN T. FRENCH, CHARLES V. CULVER and LUCIEN H. CULVER, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—Southern District of New-York, ss.—The said bankrupts having applied to the Court of Bankruptcy for a discharge from their debts, pursuant to the bankrupt act of March 2, 1867, and the acts amendatory thereof, and the same having been opposed by William H. Hodges, of New-York City, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, a creditor of the said bankrupts, and the said opposition coming on to be heard before the Hon. Isaac Dayton, Judge of the District Court of the United States, in and for the Southern District of New-York, on the 2d day of December, A. D. 1869, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at Chambers of the said District Court, before Isaac Dayton, Judge, at No. 18 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, at his office, No. 302 Broadway, in the City of New-York, Room No. 4, and show cause why the prayer of the said petition of the bankrupts should not be granted, and why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupts, and each of them.—Dated New-York,

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ST. LAURENT.....LEMARIE.....SATURDAY, Jan. 8
LAFAYETTE.....BOURNY.....SATURDAY, Jan. 22

Rates of passage payable in gold, (including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE, First cabin, $140; second cabin, $90.

TO PARIS, including railway ticket, $145 and $95. *These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.*

American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe by taking the steamers of this line avoid both transit by railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

STEAMER PEREIRE, FOR BREST and Havre, will leave Pier No. 42 North River foot of Morton-st., on SATURDAY, 11th December at 11 o'clock. Passengers are requested to be on board at 10 o'clock. GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent.

CUNARD LINE.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

Scotia, Wednesday, Dec. 8 | Palmyra, Thursday, Dec. 23
Russia, Thursday, Dec. 9 | Russia, Wednesday, Dec. 29
Cuba, Wednesday, Dec. 15 | Tripoli, Thursday, Dec. 30
Malta, Thursday, Dec. 16 | China, Wednesday, Jan. 5
Siberia, Wednesday, Dec. 22 | Tarifa, Thursday, Jan. 6

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday and Saturday steamers, not carrying steerage.
First Cabin....$120, gold. | Return, $216, gold.
Second Cabin, to Paris.....$75, gold.

By the Thursday steamers.
First Cabin....$100, gold. | Steerage....$30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $35, currency, and all parts of Europe at low rates.

Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.

For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-green.

For steerage passage, to No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Buildings. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

PASSENGERS PER STEAMSHIP SCOTIA embark from the Cunard wharf, foot of Grand-st., Jersey City, at 9 A. M. on WEDNESDAY, 8th December.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—Inman Line of Mail Steamships are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Dec. 11, 12 M.
CITY OF ANTWERP, (via Halifax).....Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1 P. M.
CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, Dec. 18, 1 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Dec. 25, 11 A. M.

And every SUCCEEDING SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE

BY THE MAIL STEAMERS SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

PAYABLE IN GOLD. | PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin.....$100 | Steerage.....$30
To London.....100 | To London.....35
To Paris.....110 | To Paris.....45

PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMER, VIA HALIFAX.

FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD. | STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Liverpool.....$80 | Liverpool.....$30
Halifax.....20 | Halifax.....15
St. John's, N. F., by steamer.....20 | St. John's, N. F., by steamer.....20

Branch Steamers, carrying only cabin passengers, also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at reduced rates.

Through tickets to Paris at reduced rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Office, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND LONDONDERRY.

THE ANCHOR LINE.

Favorite Clyde-built passenger Steamers are intended to sail as follows:

EUROPA.....Dec. 11 | IOWA.....Jan. 1
INDIA.....Dec. 18 | CALIFORNIA.....Jan. 8
CAMBRIA.....Dec. 25 | COLUMBIA.....Jan. 15

and each SATURDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 12 o'clock, noon.

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

Cabins to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $80 and $90. Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $140. Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $35. Children under 12, half price. Children under 1 year, $5. Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Bremen, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates. Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.

For further information apply on the premises, foot of Dey-st., or at the Company's offices, No. 7 Bowling-green. NEW-YORK. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.

CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.

From Pier No. 48 North River. WEDNESDAY.

IDAHO.....3,200 tons.....Dec. 8, at 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....3,125 tons.....Dec. 15, at 2 P. M.
COLORADO.....2,915 tons.....Dec. 22, at 8½ A. M.
NEBRASKA.....2,500 tons.....Dec. 29, at 2 P. M.
MANHATTAN.....2,500 tons.....Jan. 5
IDAHO.....3,125 tons.....Jan. 12

CABIN PASSAGE.....(Gold).....$80
STEERAGE.....(Currency).....$30

Saloon and Steerage Rooms at the lowest rates.
Steerage Passage Offices, No. 20 Broadway.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 65 Wall-st.

NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.

Pier No. 45 North River.

DENMARK, FRIDAY, Dec. 10, at 10 A. M.
VIRGINIA, THOMAS, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 1 P. M.

Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100 and $80; Steerage, $30, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $35, currency.

Apply at the Company's office, No. 10 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S

THROUGH LINE TO

CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.

FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin.	Steerage.
$140 to $180.	$65.

according to location of berth.

These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,

ON 5TH AND 21ST OF EACH MONTH,

except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.

One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.

PACIFIC, Capt. CORNELIUS GRAY, connecting with COLORADO, Captain AINSWORTH.

Steamer CHINA will leave San Francisco Jan. 1, 1870, for China and Japan.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

For reduced rates of freight apply on Wharf. Freight for steamer ALASKA received until 4 P. M. on MONDAY, Dec. 20. All usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting bills of lading, &c.

For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply at the Company's ticket office, on the wharf foot of Canal-st. F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND HAVANA.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 20th of every month:

NORTH AMERICA, Capt. SLOCUM, Dec. 20.
MERRIMACK, Capt. WEED, Jan. 20.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. THERIAULT, Feb. 20.

These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.

EAGLE, Captain H. CROSBY.....Dec. 9
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. B. ADAMS.....Dec. 16
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SICKLEN.....Dec. 23

For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.

CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.

Atlantic Mail S. S. Co's steamer EAGLE, Captain M. R. CROSBY, Dec. 20, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

For freight or passage apply to
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HAVANA, CIENAL AND VERA CRUZ.

New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line—Sailing every WEDNESDAY, from Pier No. 17 Hudson River, at 12 noon. The splendid new steamer CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIS, Friday, Dec. 24.

CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. DRAKE, Thursday, Jan. 13.

For passage or freight, apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 52 Broadway.

FOR HAVANA—UNITED STATES MAIL.—The well-known first-class sidewheel steamship DE SOTO, THOS. H. MORTON, Commander, will be dispatched from Pier No. 20 North River, on SATURDAY, Dec. 11, at 3 P. M.

For freight or passage, having superior stateroom accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 55 Liberty-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS.

OLD LINE—LOW FREIGHT.

The well-known first-class sidewheel steamship DE SOTO, THOS. H. MORTON, Commander, will leave Pier No. 20 North River, on SATURDAY, Dec. 11, at 3 P. M. Freight taken at through rates for St. Louis, Mobile and Montgomery.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
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The VICTOR will follow Dec. 18. C. H. MALLORY & CO.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

THE CROMWELL LINE.

The steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, as follows:

SEC. WASHINGTON...GAGE.....Saturday, Dec. 11
MARIPOSA.....HEMMEN.....Saturday, Dec. 18

Freight taken for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston at lowest rates. Cabin passage $35. For passage, first and second class, or freight, apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., No. 35 West-st.

FOR MOBILE

VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.

THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY WILL DISPATCH THE FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIP ALABAMA,

Captain LIEBKUHRE,

On SATURDAY, Dec. 11, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 3 P. M. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile.

Is now receiving. Has elegant passenger accommodations.

Insurance guaranteed at one and a half per cent to Mobile.

Through Rates and Bills Lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the interior at LOWEST RATES than any other line.

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GREAT REDUCTION IN PASSENGER RATES TO ALL POINTS IN THE INTERIOR.

FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK,
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.

THE STEAMSHIPS

HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Captain CHESSMAN, THURSDAY, Dec. 9, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, No. 55 Liberty-st.

SAN SALVADOR, Captain NEERGAARD, SATURDAY, Dec. 11, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M. WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green.

MONTGOMERY, Captain FARNHAM, SATURDAY, Dec. 11, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M. R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 4 Wall-st.

LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, Dec. 14, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M. MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents, Nos. 51 and 53 South-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE Florida Ports, the South and Southwest.—Regular line.

The popular steamship SARAGOSSA, C. RYDER, Commander, will sail

THURSDAY, 9th December, at 3 P. M.,

from Pier No. 5 North River, foot of Rector-st.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To Charleston.....$15
To Jacksonville.....25

Through bills of lading to all points South and Southwest.

Agents in Charleston (Barnard & Co.) forward all goods free of commission.

ARTHUR LEARY, Agent, No. 72 William-st.

The steamship MAGNOLIA will sail 15th December.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one; their services are invaluable in saving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examinations and conveyance of luggage; in selecting the best accommodations on the journey; in saving from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling companions may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

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GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.

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Arriving ahead of all other lines.

Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at No. 2 Astor House, and at Dodd's Express office, No. 944 Broadway.

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FOR BOSTON,

Via Fall River, connecting at Newport.

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The splendid steamers

NEWPORT and OLD COLONY,

Commodore LEWIS, Commodore COMSTOCK,

leave daily (Sundays excepted) at 4 P. M., from Pier No. 29, North River, foot of Chambers-st.

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G. H. VAILE, General Passenger Agent.
H. H. MANGAM, Freight Agent.

SHREWSBURY, RED BANK AND LONG BRANCH.—The steamer SEA BIRD will leave New-York daily, foot of Warren-st., as follows:

LEAVE NEW-YORK.		LEAVE RED BANK.	
Thurs., Dec. 2.....	3 P. M.	Wed., Dec. 1.....	7 P. M.
Sat., Dec. 4.....	2 P. M.	Fri., Dec. 3.....	7:30 A. M.
Tues., Dec. 7.....	3 P. M.	Mon., Dec. 6.....	3:30 A. M.
Thurs., Dec. 9.....	11 A. M.	Wed., Dec. 8.....	8 A. M.
Sat., Dec. 11.....	1 P. M.	Fri., Dec. 10.....	9 A. M.
Tues., Dec. 14.....	1 P. M.	Mon., Dec. 13.....	10:30 A. M.

TROY LINE FOR ALBANY AND TROY.—The elegant steamers VANDERBILT and CONNECTICUT leave Pier No. 46 North River, foot Spring-st., EVERY EVENING, Saturdays excepted, at 7 o'clock P. M. Fare only $1 to Albany ($1 75 with meals), and the same rate to any other line. Tickets and rooms at Dodd's Express, Nos. 459 and 944 Broadway; at Kelsey's, No. 1 Courtlandt, Brooklyn, and No. 205 West-st.

FOR SHREWSBURY AND LONG BRANCH.—Fare $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon.

FOR NEW HAVEN, HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD.—Fare $1 50. Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

RAILROADS.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.

Trains leave 30th-st. as follows:

8:00 A. M., Cincinnati and Chicago express, drawing-room cars attached.
10:30 A. M., Albany express, drawing-room cars attached.
4:00 P. M., Montreal express, drawing-room cars attached.
6:30 P. M., Pacific express, with sleeping cars through to San Francisco without change, via M. C. Railroad, also L. S. and M. S. Railroad, (daily.)
11:00 P. M., night express, sleeping cars attached.
8:00 A. M., 3:30 and 4:30 P. M., Peekskill trains.
4:00 and 6:00 P. M., Sing Sing trains.
6:00, 7:00, 9:30 A. M., 12 M., 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7 and 11:00 P. M. (9:30 A. M. to Poughkeepsie Sundays.)

Nov. 15, 1869. J. M. TOUCEY, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS WILL LEAVE the depots foot of Chambers-st. and foot of 23d-st. as follows:

Through Express trains at 8 A. M., 10 A. M., 1:30 P. M. and 6:30 P. M., (daily.) New and improved Drawing-room Coaches will accompany the 8 A. M. train through to Dunkirk without change. Also the splendid magnificent Sleeping Coaches through to Cleveland and Galion. Sleeping Coaches will accompany the 10 A. M. train from Susquehanna to Buffalo; the 1:30 P. M. train from Jersey City to Buffalo, and the 6:30 P. M. train to Hornellsville. Also, Sleeping Coaches for Chicago and Cincinnati. An emigrant train leaves daily at 8 P. M.

For Port Jervis and Way, 4:00 P. M., Orange County Express trains, stopping at all stations on the Newburgh, Montgomery, Guilford, Pine Island and Unionville.

For Middletown and Way, at 5:00 P. M.

For Otisville and Way, at 8:00 A. M. daily.

For Newburg and Way, at 9 A. M., 3:30 and 4:30 P. M.

For Suffern and Way, 8 P. M. and 6 P. M. Theatre tickets 11:00 P. M.

For Paterson and Way, from 23d-st. depot, at 6:45 A. M., 9:15 A. M., 11:45 A. M., 1:45 P. M., (daily.) 3:45 P. M., 4:30 P. M., 5:15 P. M., 6 P. M. and 11:00 P. M. From Chambers-st. depot, at 6:45 A. M., 9:30 A. M., 12 M., 3:30 P. M., (daily.) 4 P. M., 5:15 P. M. and 6:45 P. M.

For Hackensack and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 9:45 A. M., 12:15 P. M., 3:15 P. M., 5:15 P. M. and 6:45 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 9 A. M., 12 M., 3 P. M., 5 P. M. and 6:45 P. M.

For Piermont, Monsey and Way, from 23d-st. Depot, at 8:45 A. M., *9:15 A. M., 4:15 P. M., *5:15 P. M., 6 P. M., *6:15 P. M. and (Saturdays only) *11 midnight. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 9 A. M., 1 P. M., *3:30 P. M., 5 P. M., 6 P. M., *6:30 P. M. and (Saturdays only) *11 midnight.

Tickets for passage and for experiments in Drawing-room and Sleeping Coaches can be obtained, and orders for the checking and transfer of baggage, may be left at the Company's offices, Nos. 241, 529, 944 and 957 Broadway; corner 125th-st. and 3d-av., Harlem; No. 128 Fulton-st., Brooklyn; depots foot of Chambers-st. and foot of 23d-st., New-York; No. 2 Exchange-place and No. 9 Court-st., Jersey City, and of the agents at the Principal Hotels.

D. D. BUCKER, Gen'l Sup't. WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Pass'r Agt.

*To Piermont only.

SOUTH SIDE RAILROAD OF LONG ISLAND.—Winter Arrangement.—On and after Oct. 25 the trains will leave the Hunterspoint and Grand-st. ferries as follows: 8:45 A. M., (mail and express for Patchogue); 10 A. M., for Montauk; 3:30 P. M., express to Patchogue; 5:30 P. M., accommodation for Islip; on Saturdays through to Patchogue; 6:30 P. M., for Montauk, on Saturdays through to Patchogue. All trains connect at Valley Stream, except the Montauk late and early trains.

G. W. DOUGLAS, Superintendent.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains will leave New-York by the Pavonia Ferry, foot of Chambers-st., as follows: At 8 A. M., 1, 3:30, 4:15, 5:15 and 6:30 P. M., and at 12, mid-night, on Saturdays. The 8:15 A. M. and 1, 4:15 and 5:15 P. M. trains run through to Montclair.

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CHOICE SETS IN
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MINK SETS at $25 worth $40.
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ASTRAKHAN SACQUES, $25, worth $35.
LONDON-MADE SEAL SACQUES, $125, worth $200.
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CARRIAGE AND SLEIGH ROBES, $15 and upward.

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INDIA CURIOSITIES,
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The largest variety of articles ever offered, European and all other persons desiring

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TEN CUT, 81 KID GLOVES, NEW Shades; Children's, 50c and 75c.; Cloth Gloves, Leggings, &c., &c.; the best Sewing Silk Gossamer; also, Wet Thread; 6 large one-button Gloves, 25c. Stockings and Fancy Goods as popular prices; at BIGELOW, HOLT and 441 Broadway, four doors above 19th-st., east side.

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STRIPED and PLAID SILKS at $1 25 per yard, cost $1 75.
PLAIN CHANGEABLE SILKS, $1 and $1 50 per yard, worth $1 75 and $2 50.
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BLACK SILKS, of superior quality, from $1 50 per yard to the finest goods imported.

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ALL-WOOL PLAID LONG SHAWLS at $5, worth $7.
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BROCHE LONG SHAWLS at $15, worth $20.

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ARE OFFERING THEIR ENTIRE STOCK OF INDIA CAMBLETS HAIR SHAWLS AND SCARFS,

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AT EQUALLY LOW PRICES.

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LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S MUFFS, COLLARETTES AND BOAS, IN RUSSIA SABLE, MINK, ERMINE AND OTHER FANCY FURS.

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WILL CONTINUE THE SALE OF LYONS CLOAKING VELVETS,

At the following LOW PRICES:

22-inch LYONS BLACK VELVETS AT $10, worth $14.
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And all other widths and qualities EQUALLY CHEAP.

BLACK AND COLORED TRIMMING, MILLINERY VELVETS AND VELVET RIBBONS, ALL WIDTHS,

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Will offer during the HOLIDAY SEASON, a new and beautiful assortment of

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LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.

Several cases of PARIS NOVELTIES, embracing Wedding Trousseaux, Sleeves, Capes, Fichus, Barbes, Coiffures, Collars and Sleeves, Edgings, Paris Embroidered Sets, Chemisettes, Initial Sets, &c.

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Valenciennes and Embroidered, Plain, Hemmed, Initialed and Colored Bordered Hdfs.

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CHEVILLET'S KID GLOVES,
$1 50 PER PAIR.

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Beg to announce that they have made considerable reductions in their entire stock of the above goods.

Among the lots now offered will be found

10-4 Blankets $3 50 per pair; usual price $8 00.
10-4 Blankets $4 75 per pair, usual price $6 00.
10-4 Blankets $5 50 per pair, usual price $7 00.

Several lots of large size fine Blankets, slightly soiled, will be sold cheap.

Fine Shaker Flannels, all Wool, from 50 cents.
Linen Sheeting, 2 yards wide, 65 cents.
Linen Sheeting, full 2½ yards wide, 90 cents.
5-4 Damask Napkins, all linen, $1 25 per dozen.
5-4 Damask Doilies, from 62 cents.
Table Cloths, Breakfast size, from $2 00.
Table Cloths, (Full Dinner,) from $5 50.
Bleached Huck Towels, all linen, $1 75 per doz.
Bleached Huck Towels, large size, $2 50 and $3 00.

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MACY	FALL HATS, SILKS AND SAT-	MACY
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Best quality for Box-ton Prizes and the Holidays.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The annual tournament of the New-York Chess Club, which commenced last Wednesday, has continued with unabated interest to the present time. Fifty-two games have been contested with the following result: J. Weiss, Esq., won seven games, lost nine; B. Lasker won three games, lost two; James Thompson won four games, lost four; Dr. Barnett won four games, lost one; Mr. Turner won two games, lost one; Mr. Graves won four games, lost three; W. A. Jones won four games, lost eight; Mr. Bell won none, lost two; Mr. Bailey won none, lost two; M. Lasker won none, lost one; J. Moses won two games, lost two; Mr. Shipley won none, lost one.

THOMAS THOMPSON, who recently died in Boston, left a large property, including personal, valued at half a million of dollars, the latter formed the largest collection in America. It is understood they have been sold and will soon be brought to New-York. Ten cars will be required for their shipment.

The International Ocean Telegraph Company yesterday elected the following Directors: Wm. F. Smith, Jas. T. Sanford, David H. Wright, Edwards S. Sanford, Robert J. Livingston, Jas. A. Seymour, Oliver K. King, William C. Barge and Alexander Hamilton, Jr. To-day the new Board will regularly organize, at No. 64 Liberty-street, and elect its officers for the ensuing year.

WILLIAM LEWIS, a suburban resident, managed to lose $302 yesterday by the carriage game, in the mock jewelry store in the basement of No. 179 Broadway. One of the operators, giving the name of CHARLES SMITH, was arrested and arraigned before Justice DOWLING, who remanded him for examination.

At 10 o'clock last night a man, who is supposed to be a sailor named Kinsler, aged 35 years, and a Portuguese, committed suicide in Bruce-street, near Pike, by shooting himself through the right temple with a Smith & Wesson revolver, evidently just purchased and entirely new. The man died instantly, and his remains were removed to the Eighteenth Ward Police Station, where the sum of $47 40 was found on his person. The deceased was attired in a new suit of clothes, and had no doubt just returned from a cruise. SOLOMON DENZER, of No. 428 East Ninth-street, was the only witness to the occurrence, and the motive of the misguided man is wholly unknown.

Rev. T. DE WITT TALMADGE delivered a lecture last evening, his subject being "Gruntlers," last evening, at the church corner of Houston and Thompson streets. There was a large attendance. The lecturer portrayed the different kinds of Gruntlers who are a plague to humanity; treated on the causes which produced the peculiarities of these minds, and suggested healthy exercise as a remedy for their perverse dispositions. The proceeds of the lecture go to the aid of the Sabbath School of the Church.

Dr. ISAAC J. HAYES, of Arctic renown, delivered a lecture last evening before a small audience at Steinway Hall. In a very pleasing style he told the fascinating story of his adventures among the icebergs of the northern seas, where he planted the American flag on the northernmost point of land on the open Polar Sea within 450 miles of the north pole. He also gave some account of the traces of extinct civilization in Greenland, where he lately visited the ruins left by the Norsemen some centuries ago.

A fire occurred last night in the restaurant of M. BEHLING, in the basement of No. 52 Walker-street, when the following losses were sustained: Mr. BEHLING, $2,500 on stock and fixtures, no insurance. FRANKENSTEIN & WAGNER, importers of woolens, first and second floors, $2,000, insured. ASHER & REIDLICH, paper boxes, $200, insured. Loss on building, owner unknown, $2,000. A large quantity of escaped gas exploded on the first floor, and blew out the entire side partition. HENRY M. SCHOBELL, JOHN STAG, HENRY CONKLIN and MICHAEL NOLL, members of the Insurance Patrol No. 1, were severely injured by the concussion and exploding gas.

MACMILLAN'S Fifth-avenue Skating Pond will be open to-day. There is a fine sheet of ice There is the prospect is that it will be crowded to-day with those who are fond of the favorite Winter pastime.

Further evidence was taken before Commissioner SHIELDS yesterday in the case of E. B. KELLOGG, charged with not paying special tax as a distiller. Deputy Collector E. J. KERF, NICHOLAS BABCOCK, FRANCIS FINLAY and SPENCER KERRY were present as witnesses for the Government, MICHAEL HAYES and GEORGE JORDAN testifying for the defence.

The teachers and pupils of the Sunday School connected with the Church of the Atonement inaugurated a Fair in aid of the building fund of the school, at the Thirty-seventh Regiment Armory, corner of Broadway and Thirty-sixth-street, last evening. The Fair will be kept open during to-morrow, and on Thursday.

The New-York Society of Practical Engineers will take up the subject of "Deep Sea Sounding" at their meeting this evening, at the rooms of the Geographical Society in Cooper Institute.

OLIVE LOGAN will repeat her lecture on "Girls," at the Cooper Institute, on Monday evening next.

The first of a course of lectures before the Eastern Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered this evening at the rooms No. 476 Grand-street, by Rev. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, the subject being "Mental Culture."

A woman's suffrage meeting will be held at PLACE'S HALL, College rooms, No. 697 Broadway, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The resolutions on divorce offered last week by Mr. C. O. POOL will be considered.

PHILIP FITZPATRICK, aged 45, of No. 215 West Fifty-first-street, and a driver on the Tenth-avenue line of cars, died suddenly yesterday, after eating his dinner at the depot. Coroner FLYNN will hold an inquest. Disease of the heart is supposed to have been the cause of death.

MICHAEL HAINEY and two other men met HUGH MCGRAW, of Brooklyn, in a Cherry-street liquor store, on Monday evening, when they volunteered to show him the way to Catharine Ferry. When they reached Catharine-street these men seized McGRAW by the throat and forced him to kneel on the pavement, and then robbed him of $7. All three ran off, HAINEY subsequently returning and accosting his victim in the ferry, where the latter caused his arrest. When arraigned before Justice DOWLING, at the Tombs, the prisoner denied all knowledge of the robbery, but was, nevertheless, remanded for trial at the General Sessions.

In the case of CULLMAN, LIPPMANN, BUCKMER AND MURDAY, the accused were held on the evidence, by United States Commissioner KENNEDY, yesterday, to answer the charge of defrauding the Government while carrying on the business of tobacco manufacturers in Williamsburg.

LEOPOLD LAZARUS was held for trial yesterday by Justice DOWLING, on a charge of obtaining a quantity of shirt materials, &c., valued at $53, from ADOLPH OPPER, of No. 197 Church-street, by means of a bogus order.

An unknown man was found yesterday in Laight-street in a dying condition, death ensuing soon after admission to the Leonard-street Station House. The remains were removed to the Morgue.

Mrs. BRIDGET KIFFIN, aged 45, died suddenly yesterday from the effects of intemperance, at No. 588 Eleventh-avenue. Coroner SCHIRMIRE held an inquest.

FREDERICK MENKE, a German, died in a fit yesterday at No. 100 Thompson-street. Coroner KENNAN held an inquest and burned the body over to the county authorities for burial, the deceased having no relatives.

MARTHA SMITH, aged 45, died suddenly yesterday at No. 426 East Eleventh-st. Coroner KENNAN will hold an inquest.

BROOKLYN.

Mr. WM. G. BISHOP, the present efficient City Clerk of Brooklyn, is a candidate for re-election. There are other aspirants to the position, but none of them possess the qualities necessary to fill it. The City Clerk needs to be thoroughly conversant with rules of order, able to draft resolutions for unscrupulous Aldermen, and qualified to keep somewhat sober between meetings of the Board.

Broadway, Williamsburg, is to have a magnificent three-story, Philadelphia brick building, with an iron first-story front, as the foundation of a coal yard. It is to have a Mansard roof, and is to cost $6,000. WINZEN, DICK & CO., sugar refiners, are about to build a nine-story addition to their present establishment on First-street, at the foot of South Second-street, increasing the frontage fifty feet. The cost, including a two-story storehouse on the dock, is to be $60,000.

WILLIAM MCGUIRE, who was kicked on the head by a horse in the stable of THOMAS FARRELL, corner of Grand and Myrtle avenues, two weeks ago, died at the City Hospital yesterday morning. It appears that his skull was fractured.

The total number of feet of sewerage done in Williamsburg, under the auspices of the Water and Sewerage Board, during the past year, was 19,600, or nine miles and a half. There is a great deal of work counted in these figures not yet completed, and much of it in a condition to suggest numerous Coroner's inquests during the Winter, caused by pedestrians falling into all parts of city, which have been left without any kind of covering or signal of danger in the night time. Whisky drinkers, especially, are alarmed at the apparent thoughtlessness of the Water Board.

A Fair is being held at the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, in Brooklyn, by the Church of the Covenant. Some salable articles, of which they have the monopoly, they furnish to others for Fairs. The picture of Notre Dame on sale there is a little gem.

The Goodrich-Jones contest for the representation of the Fifth Assembly District of Kings County came up before the Mayor yesterday. [illegible] GOODRICH for Assembly, a fact which [illegible] considerable sentiment to the Democratic friends of JONES. After hearing a number of witnesses the case was adjourned until the 15th inst.

The Brooklyn Choral Union's receipts for the past year amounted to $7,414 32, and the expenditures to $7,407 68, leaving a balance of $6 69 due the Treasurer, E. K. DALLON. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, CHARLES MOSS; Vice-President, J. K. VAN CLYK; Treasurer, H. H. BEADLE; Secretary, S. B. CHASE; Librarian, A. W. ROBERTS; Trustees, Earnest Wetzel, Wm. R. Cummings, D. B. Fisher, W. F. Jones, C. W. Cheshire, Wm. Shaw, L. Dimmick, Hugh McNeilan.

The number of deaths in Brooklyn last week was 117. Of these 59 were from consumption, 19 from pneumonia, 9 from bronchitis, and 5 from convulsions.

The residence of WILLIAM EVANS took fire yesterday morning, and it was the chance of a little [illegible]

DANIEL SCHLEMMER, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of grand larceny, in stealing $17 from JOHN BROCK a week ago, was held for examination.

LONG ISLAND.

The Flushing charter election on Monday was not a quiet one. During the day several free fights occurred, and blackened and bleeding faces were numerously visible. JOHN ROBINSON, DANIEL FORSHEY and WILLIAM PHILLIPS were elected Trustees. In Whitestone the proceedings were more disgraceful than in Flushing, and Metropolitan aid was finally found necessary to maintain order. CLINTON GRAHAM and BENJAMIN COX were elected Trustees. In College Point the election passed off quietly, CONRAD POPENHUSEN and A. D. SCHEIBENEGER were elected Trustees, and CONRAD BUSSE, Police Justice.

On Saturday night, Mr. THALER, of College Point, was drowned in the East River. He was 35 years of age, and leaves a large family.

GEORGE T. CHAMBERS, who shot JOHN MYERS, Jr., at Astoria, Sept. 24, inflicting a wound from which the latter died Nov. 27, is under arrest on a charge of murder. It is claimed that the shooting was accidental. Justice SNEDIKER, of Jamaica, commenced an investigation yesterday. It was adjourned till Monday next.

The schooner *Lucy Collins*, Captain COLLINS, of Boston, which has been ashore on Long Beach Point, Gardiner's Bay, for several weeks past, was hauled off on Monday afternoon and taken to Greenport, where she will go on the ways for repairs. The *Lucy Collins* was got afloat a week or two since, but, a storm arising at the time, her cables parted and she was driven ashore again.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The suit of the Board of Supervisors of Westchester County against James Hatfield, Caleb Martine, Wm. C. Haviland, Robert B. Oakley, Darius Lyon, Wm. H. and Harvey Heustis, Jacob Hunt, Elisha Crawford and George Downing, surviving sureties of HENRY WILLETS, Ex-County Treasurer, a defaulter to the amount of $160,000, was brought to trial yesterday before Hon. Justice GILBERT, at the Court House, White Plains. The case was opened on the part of the plaintiffs by CALVIN ENDER, counsel to the Board.

The town officers of Pelham have laid out a new road through the Roosevelt estate, from Pelham Priory to the old Post road, or Boston Boulevard, to be known as Pelhamdale-avenue, and the Board of Supervisors have passed an appropriation for opening and working it. The new avenue will prove of great convenience to the residents of the town, and open a delightful and picturesque section of country hitherto almost inaccessible.

NEW-JERSEY.

While a number of shoemakers were drinking in the saloon of FRED. FRESNES, Marshal-street, Newark, they became involved in a quarrel regarding the order of St. Crispin, and the Messrs. GRAY BROTHERS, JOSEPH LEFROY, of No. 34 Market-street, was savagely beaten by a man named WILLIAM SCHR, who has been arrested and held to bail. LEFROY now lies in a dangerous condition.

The trains on the New-Jersey Central Railroad (Allentown line) were delayed both ways for several hours, by an accident in the driving snow storm on Monday afternoon, owing to the breaking of a rail a few miles this side of Rosedale, Penn. The cars were thrown from the track, and the front car passed through a picket fence at the right hand of the road, where, fortunately, there was no embankment. Both tracks were torn up. JOHN G. SAXE, the poet, and Rev. Dr. DOWLING, of Newark, both on a lecturing tour to Pittsburgh, were on the train. The passengers were a good deal frightened by their rough jolt over the sleepers, but, fortunately, there was no injury to life or limb. A wreck train was telegraphed for to Reading, and after several hours' detention the tracks were repaired, and the train, both ways, proceeded on gas fuel as the rapidly-accumulating snow would permit.

Deputy Collector MATTHEWS yesterday seized the wholesale liquor establishment of J. RITTERMAN, at No. 20 Bank-street, Newark, for frauds alleged to have been committed by its proprietor upon the revenue. Mr. RITTERMAN was himself taken into custody. It is alleged against him that he is licensed only as a retail dealer, and that his liquors do not correspond with the Government stamp and gaugers' brands on the barrels. Commissioner WHITEHEAD committed the accused for examination.

The December Term of the Union County Courts opened yesterday in the Court House at Elizabeth.

Burglars entered the store of FREDERICK BETTS, at Hoboken, on Sunday night, and robbed it of about $60 worth of tobacco and cigars. Three men employed upon the canal boat *Arabia*, all of whom are known to be desperate characters, taken into custody on suspicion of having committed the burglary, were held for trial.

Work on the Elizabeth and Newark Horse Railroad has been stopped until Spring.

Marcus L. Ward, Joseph Ward, Moses Sayre, Samuel H. Congar and Cephas M. Woodruff have been elected Directors for three years of the Newark Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

JULIA THOMAS yesterday procured the arrest, in Newark, of her husband, GEORGE H. THOMAS, on a charge of having brutally beaten and kicked her. The woman was badly bruised upon several parts of her body. GEORGE is said to have been somewhat under the influence of liquor at the time he made the assault. He was committed for examination.

A fire broke out at about 9 o'clock last evening in the jewelry establishment No. 14 Oliver-street, in Newark, of Messrs. NESLER & REDWAY. The Fire Department was promptly on hand, and the flames were extinguished before the building had been destroyed. Most of the stock was saved. The damage will not exceed $1,000.

Conductor PARKER, who thrust from his train a passenger who fell into the river and was drowned, surrendered himself yesterday and was held to answer in $5,000 bail.

A junk dealer named CHRISTIAN KNAW, doing business at No. 276 Wayne-street, Jersey City, was arrested yesterday on a charge of having bought property which he knew had been stolen. It is charged that for 45 cents, he purchased from three boys who entered an unoccupied house on South Eighth-street, a few nights since, a valuable quantity of goods, which they had stolen therefrom. He is held for examination.

EDWIN FORREST KERNEY, who was arrested in Jersey City some time since for alleged burglaries, has been admitted to bail in the sum of $5,000. His wife, who was arrested at the same time on a charge of receiving the property he is alleged to have stolen, will be discharged to-day.

A little boy named PECK was run over by an express wagon on York-street on Monday afternoon. Beside being injured about the arm he was badly bruised about the head and shoulders.

Sale of Oil Paintings at the Somerville Art Gallery.

A fine collection of oil paintings by some of the most distinguished artists was sold at auction at the Somerville Art Gallery on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On the first evening, owing to the severe snowstorm, there was but a slight attendance of purchasers, consequently, a large number of the finest specimens in that evening's catalogue were held over until last night, when there was quite a good gathering of connoisseurs and bidders. Most of the pictures were sold at very low rates, with but few exceptions. "The Love Letter," one of CHARLES BAUGNIET'S best productions, sold for $600; "Blessing the Bride," by H. FRIEDRICHSEN, for $325; "Interrogating Cupid," by W. AMBERG, of Berlin, for $225. "The Interrupted Dessert," by ALPHONSE GARNIER, of Paris, for $300. "The Pleasures of Country Life," by E. HOLT, of Munich, for $600, and "The Humble Household," by M. ANCOT, of Paris, for $260. K. T. LEYSCHAUR'S splendid work of the Dusseldorf school, "The Iconoclasts," was purchased for $825. "Curiosity," by A. KINDLER, of the same school, brought $350. VAN SCHAENBROEK'S "Morning in Thoughts"—Children with Cattle in the Meadow—sold for $510. "Near Pattersdale, Cumberland," a beautiful landscape by the same artist, was knocked down at $275. His "Resting at a Fountain"—Tourists—sold for $275, and "Watching the Cattle"—View in the Dunscuthal, Thuringia, $275. J. LAMONT'S "Youth and Age" brought $150. WERNER HOMER'S "Last Geese at Yorktown," representing two soldiers creeping along the ground on their hands and knees attempting to surprise a solitary harmless goose, said to have been the last of his race in that neighborhood at the time of the siege, was purchased for $210. "The [illegible]

[illegible] Kings County Democratic General Committee.

The Kings County Democratic General Committee held its regular meeting at No. 9 Court-street, Brooklyn, last evening, JAMES B. CRAIG in the chair. Mr. J. T. BENSON, from the Finance Committee, reported that the collections last year had been greater than previous years, and that the finances were in excellent condition. The balance on hand is $6,000, which the Committee recommended be deposited in the Tax Company or some other responsible institution. The report was accepted, and the Treasurer was authorized to invest the funds.

Under the heading of miscellaneous business, Mr. ALEX. MCCUE desired, if in order, to refer to a matter of considerable notoriety, which was in relation to a meeting of Democrats held in the Mayor's office one night last week. He asked leave to present the subject in an official form, having a copy in his hand. At this meeting, he said, a Committee of five was appointed with reference to a representation of two from each ward to be added to the General Committee. The object in view was not to aid in constructing a separate Committee, but to aid this one.

The official copy was thereupon submitted and read by the Secretary. It was directed to the Chairman of the General Committee and signed by Mayor KALBFLEISCH. The purport was that at a meeting of influential Democrats held on the 4th inst. a Committee of five was appointed to confer with this General Committee in regard to the subject referred to by Mr. MCCUE, and that the Committee of Conference comprised the following: Hons. George Thompson, Hon. Dennis Barrett, W. J. Lowber, Thomas Kinsella and Martin Kalbfleisch. They respectfully requested the appointment of a similar Committee to meet and confer with the above-named gentlemen.

Mr. BERGEN moved that a Committee of five be appointed to confer with Mr. KALBFLEISCH and persons represented by him, in reference to the subject of the communication which was agreed to, and the Chair appointed the following gentlemen as such Committee: Messrs. J. I. BERGEN, ALEX. MCCUE, HUGH MCLOUGHLIN (Fourth Ward,)—MURPHY and WM. C. KINGSLEY.

Mr. MCLAUGHLIN said that as he understood it, this Committee of five was appointed to ascertain the views of the other Committee, but were not invested with power.

The Chairman stated that the Committee were required to report to the General Committee.

The Committee then voted that when they adjourn they adjourn for two weeks, and went into secret session.

Meeting of the New-York Historical Society.

A stated meeting of this Society was held at their library last evening. An interesting correspondence was then read between Mr. CHARLES K. TUCKERMAN, United States Consul at Athens, Greece, an Colonel ROZZARIS, son of the well-known Suliote chief, MARCO BOZZARIS, inclosing to the Society the tassel of the latter's sword as a memento. After the Treasurer's report, and that of the Nominating Committee, Rev. E. F. DEMOURGUE, of this City, was introduced. He read an exceedingly interesting and instructive paper on "The Discovery of Massachusetts." After remarking that, at first sight the subject seemed to be exhausted, he proceeded to show the shortcomings of existing works on the subject. The first discovery was undoubtedly by the Norsemen of the eleventh century. He then showed the changes which have taken place in and around Cape Cod, illustrating his subject by a map of it in the year 1602, compared with one of the present date, and clearly proving that this Cape is being gradually worn away by the sea. The first Englishman landing was supposed to be BARTHOLOMEW GOSNOLD, in 1602, but he was anticipated by JEAN ALFONSCE, a French pilot, who discovered the bay in 1542, or thereabouts. He proceeded then to prove ALFONSCE'S claim of discovery by various well-known historical authorities—HAKLUYT, MARGRY and others. The paper was mainly concerning the Frenchman's claim to prior discovery, and was quite instructive, and was attentively listened to.

A discussion on the means of procuring for the Society TOWNSEND'S voluminous work, *Encyclopedia of the Civil War*, followed, which ended in laying the matter on the table, and the Society adjourned.

New Unitarian Conference Rooms.

The formal opening of the new rooms of the Hudson River (Unitarian) Conference and the New-York Young Men's Christian Union, at No. 8 Clinton-place, was made the occasion last evening of a very pleasant reception, in which about 300 ladies and gentlemen participated. Addresses were made by Rev. Dr. BELLOWS, Rev. Mr. HEPWORTH, Mr. W. A. BALDWIN, President of the Boston Young Men's Christian Union, and Rev. Mr. PUTNAM, of Brooklyn, after which the remainder of the evening was devoted to pleasant social intercourse and an examination of the very neatly appointed rooms of the new institution.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 7—11 A. M.—Consols opened at 93¼ for money, and 93 5-16 for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 85¾; 1865, old, 84¼; 1867, 84¾; Ten-forties, 81¾. Stocks steady; Erie Railway Shares, 20¾; Illinois Centrals, 100¼; Atlantic and Great Western, [illegible]

LONDON, Dec. 7—1 P. M.—American Securities quiet and steady; United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 85; 1867, 85¼; Ten-forties, 81.

PARIS, Dec. 7—The Bourse opens firm; Rentes, 72f. 40c.

ANTWERP, Dec. 7.—Petroleum opened firm at 61½f. for Standard White.

HAVRE, Dec. 7—Cotton opened firm on the spot, and fixt at 125½f. ⅝ cwt. for Low Middling afloat.

BREMEN, Dec. 7.—Petroleum opened firm yesterday at 7 thalers, and closed firm but quiet; quotations unchanged.

HAMBURG, Dec. 7.—Petroleum opened firm yesterday at 15 marcbanco 8 schilling, and closed firm and unchanged.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 7—United States Five-twenty Bonds opened firm at 85¼@85⅜ for the issue of 1862.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The Bourse closed firm; Rentes, 72f.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7—1 P. M.—COTTON—The market is dull; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¾d. The sales of the day will not exceed 8,000 bales.

TRADE REPORT.—The market for Yarns and Fabrics at Manchester is dull.

BREADSTUFFS.—Wheat, 2s. 11d. ⅝ cwt. Peas, 39s. ⅝ quarter for Canadian. Wheat, 8s. 10d. ⅝ central for California White; 8s. 9d. for No. 2 Red Western, and 9s. for Red Winter. The receipts of Wheat at this port for the week ending Nov. 27, have been 17,600 quarters, of which 11,800 were American.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7—11 A. M.—COTTON—The market opened dull; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 12d. The sales of the day are estimated at 8,000 bales.

LONDON, Dec. 7—Linseed Cakes, £10 17s. ⅝ ton for thin oblong for feeding. Calcutta Linseed, 55s. 6d. ⅝ quarter.

LONDON, Dec. 7—4:30 P. M.—Consols closed at 93¼ for money and 93¼@93⅜ for the account. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 86; 1865, old, 84¾; 1867, 85¼; Ten-forties, 81¾. Erie Railway Shares, 20¼; Illinois Centrals, 100¼; Atlantic and Great Western, 20¼.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7—4:30 P. M.—COTTON—The market closed dull; Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¾d. The sales of the day have been 8,000 bales, including 1,000 for speculation and export.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 7—United States Bonds closed heavy; Five-twenties, 85⅛.

HAVRE, Dec. 7.—Cotton closed quiet for both; Tres Ordinaire, 125f., on spot.

ANTWERP, Dec. 7.—Petroleum closed firm at 61½f.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—EXCHANGE par to 1-10 ⅝ cent. premium. GOLD, 119¾@120. Money, 7@8 ⅝ cent. WHEAT in considerable demand; sales of No. 1 at 90c.@91c.; No. 2 at 87½@88c.; in the afternoon there were sales of No. 2 at 87½c. for the month; closing quiet at 87½@87⅝c. for No. 2 for the month. CORN quiet at 77c.@77⅝c. for No. 2 in the afternoon there were sales of No. 2 at 77⅝@77¾c. OATS dull; sales of No. 2 at 41c. OTHER GRAINS and Seeds.—Rather dull and nominally lower. Rye for No. 2, 65c. BARLEY dull and nominally lower; sales for No. 2, HIGHWINES firm, and nominally held at 91c. PROVISIONS firmer. PORK, $19 [illegible] Prime, $18 [illegible] LARD, 10c. [illegible] Dressed HOGS steady at $10 [illegible] CATTLE dull and easier at $3 [illegible] Cows and Calves, $35@$65 per head. Choice Shipping Live Hogs dull and lower at $7 [illegible] for $8 [illegible] for medium, and $6 [illegible] for extra. Sheep, RECEIPTS—[illegible] bbls. Flour, 61,000 bushels Wheat, 14,000 bushels Corn, 3,000 bushels Oats, 1,000 bushels Rye, 2,000 bushels Barley, 1,000 Dressed Hogs, 1,000 Live Hogs. SHIPMENTS—[illegible] bbls. Flour, [illegible] bushels Wheat, 4,000 bushels Corn, 4,000 bushels Oats, [illegible] bushels Barley.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—TOBACCO firm at $7 50@$8 50 for Dark Leaf. COTTON unchanged. FLOUR firm; the business was small. WHEAT firm; No. 2 Spring, No. 2 Red Fall, $1 [illegible] (cash) to [illegible] for [illegible] Choice White, $1 [illegible] CORN firm; [illegible] OATS firm; [illegible] Choice New Yellow, 50c. (cash.) Old White, 50c. (cash.) RYE firm; [illegible] BARLEY dull; Fall, $1 [illegible] for White. HAY dull; Prime Fall, $1 [illegible] PORK firm at $20 [illegible] WHISKY unsettled at $1 [illegible] BULK MEAT—Shoulders, 10c. (cash.) Clear Ribs, 12c. (cash.) LARD, 10c. (cash.) BACON—No sales. LARD—Prime Steam, 10c. (cash.) CHEESE—No sales. CATTLE steady but quiet; receipts, 1,000 head; Choice Beeves, $8 [illegible] Fair to Good, $7 [illegible] Common, $6 [illegible] Stockers, $3 [illegible] Hogs, 4,000 head; Choice Heavy, $7 [illegible] Light, $7 [illegible] Sales range from $6 [illegible] to $7 [illegible] Sheep, 1,000 head; Fair to Choice, $4 [illegible]

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 7.—PORK unchanged. WHEAT dull and lower; No. 2, $1 [illegible] No. 3, $1 [illegible] CORN dull; No. 2 mixed, 72c. (cash.) Nov. 72c. (cash.) Old, 80c. OATS held firmly at 44c. (cash.) RYE steady at 65c. BARLEY unchanged. COTTON dull and lower; Middling, 21¼c. Low Middling, 20c. TOBACCO in good demand and firmer; sales at $7 [illegible] for Common to Fair Leaf and held at $8. Live HOGS dull at $7 [illegible] for Light and $7 [illegible] for Heavy. LARD dull; Steam, 10¼c. (cash.) Green MEATS dull at 10c. SUGAR dull; [illegible] BULK MEAT—Shoulders nominally at 10c. Clear Ribs offered at 12¼c. for packed, and 12½c. for loose. BACON—Shoulders, 12½c. There was a modest call for Clear Shoulders at 12¾c., but none for Ribs. Sugar-cured HAMS steady at 18c. LARD dull at 17½@18c. BUTTER steady at 40@50 per pound.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7.—COTTON quiet and nominally; quotations are nominal at 24½c.@25½c. for Middling Uplands. FLOUR fairly active; prices unchanged. Howard-street Flour [illegible] WHEAT [illegible] CORN [illegible] OATS [illegible] PROVISIONS [illegible] WHISKY [illegible]

[illegible] Wm. A. Crooks, Jenkins, Philadelphia, for Boston. Schr. Ophelia Jane, Hill, Port Johnson, for New-Haven. Schr. Mahala Collins, Wood, Port Johnson, for New-Haven. Schr. Mary D. Ackerman, Perrine, Port Johnson, for Boston. Schr. T. J. Chadwick, Gray, Philadelphia, for Boston. Schr. Samuel Fish, Fish, Baltimore, for Fall River. Schr. Ann E. Lee, Jones, Baltimore, for Boston. Schr. Chas. Carroll, Carroll, Port Chester. Schr. Tabitha & Hannah, Deming, Westerly, R. I. Schr. J. G. Fiernan, Norris, Stamford.

WIND—At sunset, light, N. W.; clear.

Sailed.

Steamships Holsatia, for Hamburg; Charleston, for Charleston; Niagara, for Richmond; ships Alsacia and Glanfiar, for Glasgow; Missouri, for Charleston.

By Telegraph.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 7.—Arr. steamships Champion, from New-York; J. W. Everman, Philadelphia.

Cld. steamships James Adger, for New-York; Maryland, Baltimore.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 7.—Cld. schrs. Stephen Morris, for Baltimore; Sidney C. Tyler, Boston; Alfin Dunn, Saltila River; ship Theobald, Liverpool; steamships Leo, New-York; North Point, Baltimore.

Arr. brig Star, from Wood's Hole; schr. John E. Daisy, New-York.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Cld. ships Mataura, for Liverpool, with 32,000 sacks wheat; Enoch Train, for Calcutta.

Sld. ship Golden Sea, for Liverpool.

TD.—Arr. ships Carolus Magnus, from New-York; Bertha and Anne Mann, Sydney; Atrique, Marseilles.

Sld. ships Enoch Train, for Calcutta; Mataura, Liverpool.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 7.—Arr. steamship Rebecca Clyde, from New-York.

WOODS HOLE, Dec. 7.—Passed by, steamer Orbaiel, from Savannah for Boston.

Miscellaneous.

The ship Betty, (N. G.) Nutsborn, from Shields, before reported at anchor in the Lower Bay, came up to the City this A. M., and reports having had fresh breezes and fine weather the first part of passage; Sept. 15, lat. 47 00, lon. 7 04, had a very strong gale from S. W. to N. W., and continued thus till Sept. 20 had strong westerly winds; Sept. 22, experienced a very severe gale from the northward; 30th, lat. 40 30, lon. 18, saw a wreck, but could not ascertain her name; from Oct. 2 to Nov. 20 had fresh breezes and baffling winds.

EUROPEAN MARINE NEWS.

Arrived Out.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 7.—The steamship City of Washington, from New-York, arrived at this port at 8 A. M. to-day.

The steamship Tarifa, from New-York, arrived at this port at 4 P. M. yesterday.

LONDONDERRY, Dec. 7.—The steamship Peruvian, from Portland, arrived at this port yesterday.

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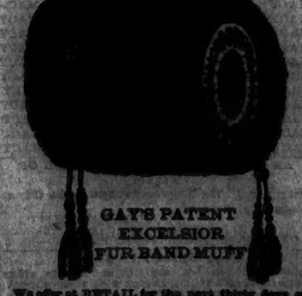

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NEW-YORK.....TUESDAY, Dec. 7.

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Steamship Nevada (Br.), Green, Liverpool Nov. 24, and Queenstown 26th, with mdse. and 165 passengers to Williams & Guion. Had strong westerly gales the entire passage.

Steamship General Meade, Sampson, New-Orleans Nov. 29, and S. W. Pass 30th, with mdse. and passengers to Frederic Baker.

Ship Manhattan, Woodhull, Charleston, S. C., Dec. 4, with mdse. and passengers to Henry R. Morgan & Co.

Steamship Saratoga, Couch, Richmond, City Point and Norfolk, with mdse. and passengers to Old Dominion Steamship Co.

Steamship Mississippi, Pelsdorf, Savannah Dec. 4, with mdse. and passengers to E. Lowden.

Steamship Ashland, Crowell, Boston, with mdse. and passengers to Ludlam & Co.

Steamship Wm. P. Clyde, Morgan, Wilmington, N. C., with naval stores to James Hand.

Steamship San Salvador, Nickerson, Savannah Dec. 4, with mdse. and passengers to Lord & Garrison.

Brig La Cayenne, (of Halifax) Doherty, Aux Cayes, Hayti, 19 ds., with coffee, logwood, &c., to master. Had strong northerly winds the entire passage.

Brig Clara Pickens, (of Pictou,) Pagnus, New-Orleans 16 ds., with cotton seed to N. L. McCready & Co.

Schr. Jos. Maxfield, Maxfield, Philadelphia, for Boston.

Schr. Julia Blanchard, Hourigan, Philadelphia, for New-Bedford.

Passengers Sailed.

DEC. 7—By steamship *Nevada*, for Charleston, &c.—B. C. Morris, lady, infant and servant, Miss E. E. Post and servant, John Hone, lady and 2 daughters, Alex. S. Rose, Mrs. Van Kouhnet, Bernard Hecht and family, W. H. Wyckoff, Mrs. M. C. Shepard and sons, Dr. Thos. E. Harding, John Neville, E. Reed, A. M. Hoagland, J. Fullan, S. D. Rosenbaum, H. Dutton, H. Blackstone, Stephen M. Vail, U. S. Consul; Milton S. Vail, A. Betts and child, H. Odell, H. Van Essen, M. J. Nesbitt, F. A. Hamm, F. R. Pitman and family, Wm. C. Beck, Martin Riker, J. M. Marshall.

Passengers Arrived.

DEC. 7—By steamship *Nevada*, from Liverpool.—Geo. Virtue, John F. Wiley, Mrs. Sarah Wiley, G. Otoes, Mr. Smyth, G. M. Whipple and wife.

By steamship *Montgomery*, from Savannah.—Miss M. Hemmond, J. Rosser, Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Deming.

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